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Dear Parent / Carer

Re. Important Summer Term Updates

As we approach the end of the Summer term in College, I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding some important issues and forthcoming events:

Firstly, could I remind you that depending on the precise timing of Eid, students will be granted a maximum of one day's authorised absence for the purpose of religious observance and celebration. Should Eid fall on Friday 15th June, students observing Eid will be allowed to stay at home to celebrate. However, If Eid falls on Saturday 16th June, all students are expected to attend on Friday 15th and return to college on Monday 18th.

Good attendance at school is hugely important in order for your child to make good academic progress and achieve well. This is why the Governors of the school have set all of our students a minimum target of 96% attendance or above in order to secure the best possible outcomes. I would like to appeal to you all to support our Attendance Policy in the interests of promoting high achievement and strong progress. Please be advised that any additional periods of absence, unless your child is demonstrably ill, will be treated as unauthorised for which parents/carers may be liable for a fixed-term penalty.

One area in which you can help us enormously is by restricting your family holidays during scheduled school holiday periods. May I respectfully remind you that parents/carers may be liable for fixed-penalties and possible criminal proceedings/ criminal record if unauthorised holidays are taken during term-time.

Please be advised that we are not proposing to devote the last week of the Summer term to 'activities week' which we have done in previous years. Students will be working on their regular timetabled lessons up until the final with some additional activities including an outdoor education trip for Year 8 students, sixth-form 'taster' lessons and 'Heart-Safe' CPR training for Year 10s and a visit from the 'Warning Zone' for Year 9 students highlighting the importance of personal safety. The last day of the Summer term falls on Friday 13th July. Historically, we have allowed students to finish College at the earlier time of 12.30pm. on the last day of term and we are proposing to maintain this tradition.

On the subject of personal safety and keeping safe, we have been notified by the Police that nationally, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of young people who are experimenting with illegal substances including cannabis and its derivatives. Please be aware of the signs and symptoms of substance abuse and if you are concerned, please seek help as



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the long-term effects of these substances on the lives of young people can be far-reaching and potentially harmful to their health and well-being. Impartial advice and guidance can be obtained by contacting an organisation called 'Turning Point' (Tel 0330 3036000).

With the long Summer break approaching, please also be aware of the potentially harmful effects of social media and increasingly, on-line gambling sites.

Please be reminded that this term will end on Friday 13th July at 12.30pm. All students should return to College for the start of the Autumn term on **Thursday 30th August**.

Yours sincerely

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