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Dear Families

We are in the third week of the summer term and there is undeniably an air of celebration in school with so many brilliant events planned for the coming weeks and months. On Friday we celebrated the King and Queen's coronation with a traditional garden party on our school field, including morris and maypole dancing. We are also very excited about ERA week, Sports Day and the launch of Year 11 for our first ever year group.

Today I write to you to share this feeling of excitement and a few important updates.

Staffing:

With a new cohort of 240 students eagerly awaiting their transition to secondary school this summer, we spent the Spring term in full recruitment mode - we have already successfully recruited almost all of the new teaching posts we needed to fill for September 2023.

School Site Updates:

As you may know, the long awaited school field is now in operation, with PE lessons and after school clubs taking place out in the sunshine every day. Over the summer we have work taking place to install a new catering facility outside, which will offer hot and cold snacks and a full range of drinks and ancillary items using the same cashless system as our dining hall. We also hope to have enough reserve left at the end of the year to put in some permanent shelter in our quiet zone making it an (almost!) all weather facility. In addition, work commences on our primary school outside learning space; we are using funding we have secured from the Trust to add play, sensory and learning spaces for primary aged children, ready for the primary school opening in September 2024.

Uniform:

Last year, as our founding year group continued in their vital role as leaders in our school, we announced the decision to adapt the uniform for all students from Year 10 onwards. This change helps our oldest students to see that we recognise that they are more mature than their younger counterparts and to recognise the role they have in setting an example for those students in Years 7, 8 and 9. All students in Years 10 and 11 wear a shirt and tie instead of a polo shirt. For students currently in Year 9, transitioning into Year 10 this September (or for Year 11 students who need a replacement) ties will be available to buy from school later this term and are priced at £5 each. Any plain white, long or short sleeved, buttoned shirt will be acceptable; the shirt must be tucked in and top button fastened.

With best wishes

Ms Ayling
Headteacher