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Dear Families

Re: Changes in the summer term in preparation for the opening of the Primary Phase

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the Easter break. We have had another jam-packed term and although we are probably all very tired, we have so many things to celebrate. I would like to concentrate on participation and mention just a few of the amazing things that our students have been part of this term. There were so many to choose from, but here is a small selection of events that our wonderful young people have been involved in:

- We took 70 Year 7 and 8 students to Wembley to participate in Voice in a Million. Staff and students alike had an incredible evening. Hearing so many young people singing in unison is a really moving experience.
- 250 of our Year 10 and 11 students took part in a career fair where they were given the opportunity to chat with different employers about post-16 choices. All the providers commented on how polite, engaged and enthusiastic our students were.
- 60 of our Year 7 students were involved in the STEM Aircraft Challenge which gave them the opportunity to learn about aerodynamics and the physics of flight - and gave them an insight into aeronautical engineering.
- Ten of our Year 9 and 10 girls travelled to No 10 Downing Street with The Girls' Network where they were given the chance to meet influential female role models from different industries and backgrounds who talked to them about their plans and aspirations.

We are always proud of our students and the central role they play in our school community, but as we move towards an exciting new chapter in the life of our school with the imminent opening of our Primary Phase and 30 four-year-olds joining us, we remain committed to ensuring that our school remains a safe and nurturing environment, conducive to the well-being and development of all our students. Because of this development, we have identified three key updates to our behaviour processes and sanctions that will come into effect when we return from the spring holiday and start the summer term. These changes are designed to create the best possible environment to welcome our Duckling Class in just five months' time.

1) Prohibited Items:

- Items: vapes, alcohol, anything to do with smoking, drugs (including derivatives of) and anything linked to the possession of any of these prohibited items.
- Consequences: any student found in possession of any one of these items will face suspension and will be required to undergo a reintegration process involving parents and in many cases referrals to outside agencies. During this process, the student will be removed from social time until we are satisfied that they will not bring prohibited items into the school.

2) Hands off policy:

- Definition: instigating or being involved in physical assault (when it could have been avoided).
- Consequences: students involved in any occurrence of physical assault will face a five-day suspension. Should this occur again, the student will be permanently excluded from the school.

3) Keeping the site secure and clean:

- Access: keys and swipe cards for classrooms will be restricted.
- Staircase access: the blue stairs will be the only two-way access to the library during break and lunchtime. All other staircases and stairwells will be closed.

We have discussed these issues in assembly and we will go over them again in tutor time on the first day back, Monday 15 April. We would kindly ask for your support and cooperation in communicating these changes to your child and emphasising the importance of adhering to these new guidelines. Our aim is to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all our students, both now and as we expand to welcome our younger learners.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure the continued success and well-being of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

With best wishes



Ms Ayling
Headteacher

