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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome students and staff back this week with glorious weather following the much needed break. Students in Years 11 and 13 worked very hard to complete their final mini assessments before break. Both year groups have celebratory end of year events next week, while we will be saying a fond farewell to Year 13 students, for Year 11 their induction to life in the Sixth Form will begin on Monday 28th June. As the main hall is no longer required as part of the Year 11 teaching bubble, we were able to have assemblies for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 this week. Students were given an update on site developments, key staff and preparation for September, as well as new initiatives such as the new student hub and house system for September and new student newsletter which starts next week. For all other year groups this is also a busy few weeks as they have their end of year assessments taking place.

COVID update

I also shared in assemblies that we are unlikely, despite any announcements on 21st June, to change any of the current COVID systems we have put place this year. At this point we cannot even be sure what September will bring. I reminded students to continue with regular lateral flow testing at home and pick up new kits from Students Services if required. We have still been very fortunate to have no reported cases onsite again over the last few weeks, so thank you for your continued support in keeping our CG family safe.

Warmer weather

Now the weather has become warmer, please ensure your child comes to the academy with a water bottle, we have had a number come to Student Services for cups and bottles of water this week. We are happy to provide these, however, students need their own bottle so they can fill up at the various water points around the site and stay hydrated by drinking regularly throughout the day, as well as encouraging the use of sustainable materials not disposable ones.

Staff Development Day

The planned Staff Development Day which was due to be on Thursday 1st July will now take place the following week on Thursday 8th July. This move is to bring us in line with other Medway schools and to allow the Year 6 induction days to place in a co-ordinated single week across the whole of Medway. On Thursday the 8th July we will be closed to all year

groups, with the exception of Year 7, who will be onsite and taking part in a Da Vinci Science Project being run by the University of Kent. Further details will be send to Year 7 parents/carers closer to the time.

Please contact us if you have questions.

Yours sincerely,



Wendy Walters
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