

30th June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Mr Gurney has been very busy this week, leading activities for our annual fundraising event. Now in its third year, a wide range of activities have been held in school to support the charity Solving Kids' Cancer. A colour run, FIFA challenge, staff v student netball, and a five a side tournament have been some of the highlights, and it has been great to see students across all year groups joining in. I particularly enjoyed the F1 fastest lap challenge, but am disappointed that my best effort was four seconds slower than most students...

Our timetable rolls over on Monday, so students get a head start on their September classes – this will be particularly important for students in Year 9 who will begin their GCSE options. Students will be bringing a copy of their new timetables home with them today. Any change always comes with a certain amount of uncertainty and trepidation, and it's for exactly those reasons that we do our timetable change now instead of waiting until September. It gives us three weeks to settle those nerves so we can all enjoy our summer holiday knowing what the start of the new school year will look like.

As part of this, Year 10 become Year 11, and begin mock exams next week. Coming at the midpoint of KS4 courses, these are an important milestone.

The exams scheduled for next Wednesday and Friday morning will take place as usual, although the rest of the school will be closed due to industrial action taking place on those dates. The exams are science on Wednesday and maths on Friday. Students should arrive in school at the normal time in the morning on these dates. After the exams students will be able to leave site, or can stay at school if they want to revise further. Students in all year groups who are entitled to a free school meal can collect these from 11.30 on both days.

With best wishes for the weekend!

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School