



Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

The summer exam season is now underway. I wish all of our Year 11 and 13 students the best of luck with their exams.

Year 11 and 13 teachers will remain available throughout the exam period so please encourage your child to seek support.

Marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Friday 27th May

On Friday 27th May we will hold a day of celebration to mark the Queen's Jubilee. The students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue or fancy dress on the theme of Britain (in place of their uniform) for a donation of £1 via [ScoPay](#). During lunchtime the staff will be hosting a Jubilee Street Party under the covered way as a reward for the students, so they should bring some cash if they want to purchase treats or play the games at the stalls. All money raised will be donated to the [Prince's Trust](#).

Cake Sale on Thursday 26th May

A group of Year 8 students will be selling cakes at break and lunch on Thursday in the hall to fundraise for the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. There will be range of cakes available and it's a very good cause so please send your child to school with some change if they have a sweet tooth!

Cycling Safety

I feel it's important to share with you that this week a member of our community was knocked off their bike while riding to school by a motorist. Thankfully the student was not badly injured and was wearing a helmet. Please ensure that your child has a cycle helmet and that you find some time this weekend to remind them of how to cycle safely.

Gathering Your Views on Parents' Evenings

My thanks to all who took the time to respond to last week's survey regarding parents' evenings. It is fair to say that there is genuine split on how online evenings are viewed with some parents very keen for them to remain while others would like a return to the traditional way. I will balance your views with our own analysis the effectiveness of parents' evenings in order to develop the best overall model for September.

Support for the Ukrainian People

We continue to think of the plight of the Ukrainian people and these are good charities:

- [Oxfam Ukraine Appeal](#)
- [DEC Ukraine Appeal](#)
- [British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal](#)



The best part of my job is acknowledging the amazing members of our community. This week I would like to commend Josh Chaplin (Year 8) for doing the right thing by handing in some money that he found at school, a true act of selfless kindness. Josh really demonstrates our values, even with his friendly farewell when he sees me on the gate at the end of each day. Well done Josh!

Best wishes,

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