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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday we had a very successful election in school. A lot of work went into the process, and it was good to see the various canvassing strategies over recent days and the different literature from all the parties. The voting process itself went smoothly. It is one of the most crucial experiences students can go through, understanding British values and the election process and the importance of voting. It is also important that young people learn how to vote, by that I mean looking at policies rather than personalities, a trait that has become all too popular these days due to the influence of social media. I am pleased that our students have taken it seriously. One of the interesting things I have noticed is how keen the students have been to discuss the election and they were just as keen to vote. The debate is crucial as it is all too easy to just believe social media.

A few weeks ago, we carried out a fire drill and at the same time, I reminded students and staff about our lockdown procedure. It is our intention to do a walkthrough of that procedure next week with years 7, 8 and 9. We will do year 10 in the last week of term. Staff will know in advance however like the fire drill we won't be telling students. I am just letting you know that it is planned in case your child comes home and comments that the school went into lockdown. As always, we will evaluate how well it goes and make any necessary amendments.

At present a lot of work is going into the detail of the timetable, engineering the school for next year. A major part of next year is how various teaching groups - and for new year 7 their ACE groups - are structured. It is a crucial piece of work and must be strategic so it takes a bit of time but in the end, it will be worth it.

We wish year 10 well as they go off on their work experience. Seeing the effort most of them have put into their mock exams, they will do very well if they do the same at their placement. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 15th July. They will receive their mock results on Friday 19th.

The year 11 Prom at the Manor Rooms went well yesterday evening. The highlight is always watching the students arrive and there will be some interesting forms of transport this year. It was good to see the students, many looking smarter than I have ever seen, and be able to chat with them outside of school.

It was nice and sunny, so I was glad that Sports day managed to go ahead given the variation in our weather. A lot of time and effort goes into such so my thanks to all the students that represented their House and all the others who cheered them on in the afternoon. There are photos of the polling, sports, and the prom on social media. The winning house was Johnson House.

In attendance this week, the top year groups are:

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| Monday | Year 9 | 94.36% |
| Tuesday | Year 8 | 94.64% |
| Wednesday | Year 7 | 92.72% |
| Thursday | Year 7 | 94.3% |
| Friday | Year 9 | 93.23% |

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Up and coming events.

- W/C 8 July - Y10 Work Experience
- 9 and 10 July - Wimbledon Trip
- 11 and 12 July - Transition