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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a few visitors this week, not least a group of Ukrainian students who were in for a short period of time on Wednesday. They had a very quick tour of the school then met up with 10 students for lunch and to talk about each other's experiences. The one fact that came as a shock to our students was that some of the Ukrainian students have one week in school and one week home learning. The reason for this is they are only allowed a certain number of students in school each day, the number being determined by how many can get into the bomb shelter! They were intrigued by our school uniform as they can wear what they want. It was a fantastic get together and I have proposed formal links between both schools. The students themselves are also keen to be pen pals which we are hoping to facilitate.

In sporting news, on Wednesday we had the Y11 National Cup game against Wetherby academy, and I am pleased to say we won 3-2. On Monday we hosted teams from Woldgate school, and the results were:

Year 7 – Won 2-1  
Year 8 – Won 5-3  
Year 9 – Lost 2-0  
Year 10 – Lost 2-0

The PE department have also asked for donations of football boots that you may have lying around at home. We will accept any size that is suitable for secondary school students, but we are desperately short of anything above a size 6. We offer a boot amnesty to those who do not play sport or can't afford new boots and it's proving quite popular this year.

On Tuesday we are holding our Year 6 Open Evening, an event everyone is looking forward to. It is going to be very different to previous years so if you have a child in year 6, please come along. It will certainly be worthwhile. On a similar theme, for our new year 7 students - who are doing exceptionally well – we are holding a "Meet the team" event on Thursday 17th of this month. A letter has gone out to year 7 parents and carers giving more details.

On Wednesday it was great to see so many year 11 students attend the Revision Strategy Workshop after-school session in the hall where we went through revision strategies and preparation for their GCSEs.

In a previous communication I reiterated the school policy of students remaining on site at lunchtime, I would like to remind parents that this continues to be the case. Our pastoral staff are exceptionally busy during the school day dealing with student issues, some of which happen at short notice. Their availability is therefore extremely limited so I would appreciate it if parents contacted the school for an appointment rather than turning up at reception.

Our students continue to impress us with their courtesy and work ethic. I am really pleased to say the same for attendance, my thanks to you for your support in this.

Attendance winners this week are:

Monday	Year 7	96.75%
Tuesday	Year 8	96.23%
Wednesday	Year 7	99.59%
Thursday	Year 7	96.75%
Friday	Year 7	98.37%

I hope you have a good weekend

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon  
Headteacher

Future events:

- 3 October – Open evening 5 – 7pm
- 7 October – The first SEN parents evening
- 16 October – Restart a heart (Y8) and Careers Fayre
- 17 October – Y7 Meet the Team event
- 24 October – Students break up for half term