



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to write to provide a number of recent updates. As you will be aware, following the latest Government announcement we have had to look very carefully at the events we have planned this term. Below is a brief resumé of each.

Sports day

Sports day will take place on Friday 2nd July. The Government's advice to schools says the following: *Sports days can go ahead. In line with the rest of the system of controls, pupils and students must remain in their bubbles. Sports equipment should be regularly cleaned throughout the event.*

The Sports Department have worked extremely hard to ensure the day follows all COVID guidance. We are confident that the measure we have in place will still allow all our students to really enjoy their day.

Activities Week

We are confident that our activities week will be able to continue as planned. After the disruption of this year we believe our students have worked incredibly hard and deserve these cultural capital opportunities. If as planned, there is a further relaxation of restrictions, this will also take place at the start of our activities week. Activities week will take place between Monday 19th July – Thursday 22nd July.

Year 11 Prom

We are aware that so many Year 11 students have been looking forward to their Prom this year and have been disappointed that we had to cancel the original date. However, as long as the restrictions are relaxed on the 19th July we have been able to rebook a new date. All being well it will now take place on Thursday 22nd July at Leigh Park Hotel. Details will be sent out by the Year 11 team.

Year 13 Prom

Unfortunately, the Year 13 prom has had to be cancelled in line with Government guidance. However, we intend to provide a celebration event for in the new term that coincides with the certificate presentation evening. The Post 16 team will be in touch with details.

Year 6 Induction Day (6 July) – Cancelled

Unfortunately, in line with government guidance we will not be able to run this induction day. With over 200 students joining us from 24 different primary schools across Trowbridge and beyond, we are very mindful of the potential risks to bubbles within primary schools. However, we are planning to run this day on Thursday 2nd September.



Year 5 and Year 6 JOG Summer Camps

This year we have teamed up with Active Trowbridge and a whole host of local organisations to offer your child a fantastic summer experience. Places are limited, so initially the camp will be for students in current Year 6 who will be attending The John of Gaunt School in September, along with any Year 5 students. This is a great opportunity for children to have fun and to get to know some more people that will be starting at JOG. The camps will include Archery, Graffiti painting, Human Table Football, Fire lighting workshops, Laser Tag, dance, drama, sports, a climbing wall, music and so much more, and the very best thing is that every day is totally FREE!

The camps run for two weeks:

Monday 2nd August - Friday 6th August
Monday 9th August - Friday 13th August

Booking is available here:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ActiveTrowbridge/Coaching/Camp?courseID=b33a983b-dcfa-4fc7-9178-5c0c72a61ac6>

Lateral flow Testing

With up to 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 not displaying any symptoms, rapid testing remains a vital tool to help us stay ahead of the virus. The twice-weekly regular testing on Mondays and Thursdays remains as important as ever, if you could help your son or daughter remember their tests, it would be appreciated.

As always, if you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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