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Headteacher's Update – Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 update

Year 11 are nearly there! All pupils will return on Monday morning for the final Chemistry paper, with Food Preparation and Music to follow for some before all pupils will finish with Physics on Thursday morning. We look forward to celebrating the end of the exam period, and the culmination of our Year 11 pupils' time at Saint Bede's, with the Prom on Thursday night at Ribby Hall.

Year 10 pupil leadership

As Year 11 prepare to move on, it is an exciting time for Year 10 pupils with the process to appoint our new Head and Deputy Head Boy/Girl, Senior Prefects and Prefects underway. I have been hugely impressed with the quality of the applications I have read for the senior posts. In the coming days, we will be shortlisting candidates for interview for the Head/Deputy Head roles and appointing our first Senior Prefects and Prefects. I look forward to sharing this good news with parents/carers.

Toilet refurbishment project

I am pleased to announce that over the weekend we will be beginning a significant building project to fully refurbish and expand the main boys' and girls' toilets. It is necessary to commence the works now to ensure they are completed for September. As a result, with effect from Monday the main boys' toilets will be out of use, with boys using alternative facilities including some staff toilets which will temporarily be transferred to pupil use. The main girls' toilets will continue to be available, as the works in this area will not begin until the summer holidays.

The building works will also require some changes to routines for entry to and exit from parts of the main building, due to a corridor being inaccessible. These arrangements were explained to all pupils in a series of assemblies yesterday. I have thanked pupils in advance for their patience and co-operation during a period in which we will all experience some disruption, but the outcome will be significantly improved facilities which will enhance the school experience of all pupils.

Pupil equipment

In recent weeks, we have noticed an increasing number of pupils coming to school without the expected equipment of a pencil case containing basic items such as a pen, pencil and a ruler. We do believe pupils should be able to organise themselves to be 'ready to learn', just as they will be expected to be 'ready to work' in later life. Some departments have a stock of stationery to sell and we will, of course, always provide pupils with equipment where necessary. I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to take responsibility for being properly equipped each day.

Assemblies

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, our local PSCO Gary Hickman was unable to visit school to deliver the assemblies I referred to in last week's update. It is intended that these visits will be rearranged in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

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