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**Friday 10th May 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; a Friday update for you as always.

### **Lesson support during the exam schedule**

Our Year 11 students began their exams this week and they are now well underway I am extremely proud of how seriously they are taking them. They have shown how well prepared they are, arriving still looking at revision flashcards they have made, discussing last-minute notes and exchanging revision/ exam tips! I continue to be impressed with their diligent approach to their studies and resilience as they undertake many exams. Students have all been told that their lessons continue as normal when they are not in exams, and their subject teachers have planned revision lessons and can go over any areas they need support with. These final lessons offer a fantastic last opportunity to get vital support and guidance from their subject teachers and answer any queries they might have. We will continue to have teachers from Mulberry Stepney Green in school working with our maths team and doing enrichment activities with the students. If there are subjects where they have sat their exams, then students can use that time (and the abundance of resources in school) to help them revise.

### **Maths Challenge**

I am proud to announce that on Thursday 25th April, a group of students took part in the UKMT Junior mathematical challenge, a nationwide competition. This was an opportunity for the students to showcase their mathematical problem-solving skills. Congratulations to all those who took part, there are 36 participation certificates which will be passed out in the celebration assembly. I am very proud to add that 14 students were awarded silver and 8 students received bronze certificates. This event was a great opportunity for some of our higher-attaining students to challenge themselves and compete against other schools.

### **Attendance at Yr10 parents' evening**

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 10 Progress Evening on Wednesday. I hope Year 10 families enjoyed meeting with teachers to receive an update on your child's progress and attainment, and the next steps on their education in each of their subjects.

### **Online Safety**

I was alarmed to hear in the media this week, the rise of financially motivated sexual extortion of young people. It is a form of child abuse, where adult gangs threaten to send compromising pictures of young people, that have been obtained duplicitously unless they receive money from the young person. I can't imagine how distressing this would be for any young person. Please talk to your children about the dangers of this, and ensure you continue to monitor their social media and phone use. Please speak to your child's head of year if you are concerned about this or wish to have more information and support.

### **Archery for beginners**

We have had a lot of students interested in the 'have a go' sessions for archery we are putting on at 2.20pm on Friday afternoons. It is proving to be very successful and students are really enjoying it and another set of 8 students did it today. Once we have worked through the waiting list of those wanting to 'have a go' we will send out a form for anyone wanting to do the 4-week course to get the beginners certification, which will include when the sessions will be, the qualification they get at the end of the course, and the cost which will need to be paid through parent pay (the cost will be heavily reduced compared to doing it through another organisation). More on this to follow from Ms diamond in the next couple of weeks.

### **Coffee morning with parents**

Last week I mentioned that there would be a coffee morning on 22nd May and this will be supported by the ever-loyal PTA who will be there with cakes for sale to help raise money for a good cause. I will be there with members of the senior team to meet any parents and discuss the progress of the school and answer any questions you may have. It is a great chance for me to meet with parents again and this open communication is very important. Please see the attached poster.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Silk', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Silk

Headteacher