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6th May 2022

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. Next week means we are half-way through the shorter term 5, but despite the reduced days and hours on site there are many amazing things happening within the building.



Ambition

As many of our families with students in years 11 and 13 will be aware the **external exam period** begins on Monday 16th May. Expectations about attendance and the planned collapsed exam support timetable during the exam period has been shared with year 11 students and copies are available to be photographed in tutor bases. Year 13 students will continue to attend lessons during this period as requested by their subject teacher.

Kooth have produced a useful resource that parents may want to look at with their child, including some really useful tips on managing exam stress. Resources can be accessed here [Home - Kooth](#)

#AimHigh

Respect

A new text messaging service has been launched by the Community Children's Health Partnership in North Somerset. **ChatHealth** enables students aged 11 -19 to text a school Nurse to obtain confidential advice on a range of subjects. These include healthy eating, emotional health and wellbeing, smoking, drugs and sexual health. The aim is to ensure that those students who may be reluctant to access face to face appointment still receive support. The service is anonymous and confidential, although service users can be identified when young people are at risk of serious harm.

ChatHealth can be contacted on 07312263093 and will be open Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm during term time and school holidays, excluding bank holidays.

#BePositive



Kindness

In the week commencing 16th May the first external examinations for two years will begin for students, largely in years 11 and 13. In order to ensure that these students are supported during the exam period tutor groups will be informed of certain **'out of bounds' areas for the duration of the exams**. For reference these are:

- The school field area between the 4G pitch and the blue containers
- Any area downstairs between the Juice Bar and the food rooms. If a class is waiting to use the food room, they should wait in the Juice Bar to be collected.
- The seated area, overlooking the Sports Hall, at the top of the Community Entrance
- Students will also enter the PE changing rooms from the external doors for the duration of the exam period

It would be very helpful for reminders to also be given at home - noise does travel, especially around the PE equipment store.

In addition to the areas mentioned there will also be some big grey barriers appearing around various rooms (114/146 and G1) for the privacy of those students with access arrangements who require smaller rooms. Again, it is important that students are considerate when arriving and leaving nearby rooms.

#BeKind



Pride

We have two more sporting achievements to celebrate.

Last week the Year 7 Hockey team won the District Tournament undefeated without even conceding a goal and scoring 20 in the process. A huge accomplishment and a great team performance.

This week staff and students travelled to Bridgewater to support the U16 football team in the Somerset Cup Final. The team gained the advantage following a cracking first half goal but despite a determined team performance battling injuries and a physical opposition, the win was not to be ours on the day. The road to the final was fierce so reaching the final in the first place was a significant achievement.

Both teams stood out in the way they approached their successes, showing resilience, team work, and exemplary attitudes throughout.

#BeProud



Community

Some of our students are likely to be eligible for an educational grant from the **Richard Durban's Charity**. The criteria is listed below, as are details of how to apply:

- Are you 25 and under?
- Are you in further or higher education or trade training?
- Do you live in Yatton, Claverham or Kingston Seymour?
- Did you go to school in Yatton or Claverham?

To apply and for more details, go to: <http://www.durbantrust.com>

Please find attached the most recent North Somerset SEND newsletter, outlining the current plans and updates from the team.

#TeamNailsea

Finally...

I used this quotation at the time of the inauguration of President Biden but the words of American poet Amanda Gorman are still very much worth being reminded of. Students, particularly those in year 11 and 13, as well as staff for a variety of reasons are continuing to show resilience and courage. Gorman states:

*....There is always light,
If only we are brave enough to see it
If only we are brave enough to be it*

Enjoy your weekend and take care and be kind
Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Elliott". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher