



16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/carers

A busy week here at school but it was an absolute delight to meet so many new and existing parents and families at our annual Transition BBQ on a glorious afternoon on Wednesday. This week also saw the last large cohort exam for year 11 and only a handful remain next week for both years 11 and 13. The exams team and the staff have continued to be impressed with the attitude and approach of the students this year, for many in year 13 this being their first experience of external exams. They even coped with the increasing temperatures this week brilliantly. I wish the students well for their very long summer break when their final exam is over.

Events come thick and fast over the next few weeks as shown below:

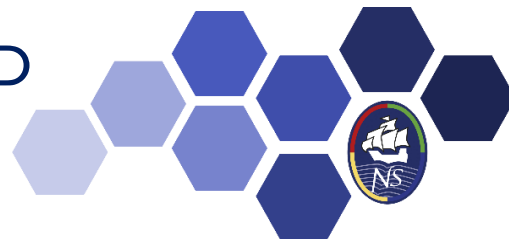
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Spanish Trip Departs and Year 10 Work Experience week
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Battlefields Trip Departs
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June -Musical Showcase
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 13 Prom
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 11 Leavers' Day and Prom
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 12 Pathways week
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Transition Day\*
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition starts
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Music Department Summer Concert
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 Step up to 6<sup>th</sup> form Day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Personality
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

\*If this coincides with any announced strike action this will be rearranged

Other messages for the week can be read below:

### **Musical Showcase – 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

Rehearsals have been ongoing for weeks and it is exciting to see that tickets for the Musical Showcase are now on sale. These can be purchased from ParentPay. Adult tickets are £5 and student tickets are £3.50. The staff and students involved will be thrilled to perform their musical numbers in front of a live audience and given this is the first event of this kind this year, I am sure there will be lots of support for the performers. A show not to be missed!



## Parent Forum Meeting

Many thanks to the parents that attended this meeting on Monday. It was hugely valuable to be able to discuss topics and think about how experiences for our students and families can continue to improve. Please find a summary of the discussions attached to this letter. The next planned meeting will be in the Autumn term and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

**Finally...** there are often many criticisms of social media, which sometimes I have referred to in this letter. However, following celebrity accounts on Twitter also enables us, mere mortals, an insight into the lives and opinions of the rich and famous. This week I loved reading a tweet from Meryl Streep's new personal assistant, who has been working with her for the last three months:

*'Meryl is thoughtful, witty ...and pathologically kind. There are times when I have jokingly reminded her that I was the one working for her, and she would shush me while she continued making me a cup of tea...I have learned so much in this job.....but my biggest take away is laughably simple: be kind. Ask folks how they are doing. Learn their names and they will bring out the most beautiful parts of you. It's how Meryl Streep goes through the world'*

Who wouldn't want to be just like Meryl Streep?

Take care and Be Kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher