17th June 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Normally, we set aside the last week of term for 'Investigations Week'. This has meant that normal lessons have stopped and a range of alternative activities have been scheduled during this week instead. This year, in light of the lost learning that has occurred during the pandemic, we have decided to change our approach. As such, we have designed a week for Y7-Y10 that retains normal lessons where possible. We have also included key sessions on Careers and Citizenship as it was not possible to cover these themes properly during the lockdown periods. At the same time, we have tried to retain key trips and performances as we know these are very popular at this time of year. Our plans for the Sixth Form remain largely unchanged from previous years. In light of the above decisions, our programme for the final week of term is as follows:

Y7-Y10

Day	Periods 1-3	Periods 4-5
Friday 15th July	Sponsored Walk This normally finishes by about 1pm. Please note that buses will not run at this time so students will need to make alternative travel arrangements.	
Monday 18th July	Normal lessons Students involved in the production of Matilda will be engaged in dress rehearsals all day.	
Tuesday 19th July	<u>Y7-10</u> Careers sessions in form groups	<u>Years 7-8</u> Watch the performance of Matilda in the Performance Hall <u>Years 9-10</u> Citizenship assembly and related tutorial activities in form groups.
Wednesday 20th July	Normal lessons	<u>Years 7-9</u> Normal Lessons <u>Year 10</u> Watch live stream performance of Macbeth
Thursday 21st July	<u>Y7-Y9</u> Normal Lessons <u>Y10</u> Alton Towers Trip	<u>Y7-Y9</u> End of term assembly and tutor session. <u>Y10</u> Alton Towers Trip

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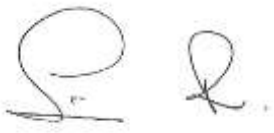
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Monday 18th July	Post 18 Seminars and Workshops	
Tuesday 19th July	Writing personal statements; covering letter of application guidance; and individual reflection time.	
Wednesday 20th July	Drive Survive: Safe Driving Workshop	Writing your own personal statement/covering letter of application.
Thursday 21st July	Writing your own personal statement/covering letter of application	

Please note that normal uniform and dress code expectations will apply throughout the week, except on the day of the sponsored walk and when students are involved in an off-site trip. Normal school day timings and transport arrangements will also apply, apart from the day of the sponsored walk.

The sponsored walk is a particularly important activity for us this year as this event raises funds for our partner schools in South Africa. The disruption caused by the pandemic has had a very negative impact on the funds that we have been able to send to South Africa for the last two years so we are very keen to re-establish this support this year. We will write to you with more information about this closer to the time.

We hope that these plans strike a balance between addressing some important gaps that have arisen during the pandemic while giving our students a positive and exciting last week of term.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher