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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for their hard work this half term. The GCSEs and GCE examinations have started and Year 11 and 13 are working very hard to make expected and better than expected progress. Years 7 to 10 have a busy half term ahead with end of year assessments and internal exams (please see attached document below for details).

We have just celebrated the 129th birthday of Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School with our Commemoration Day on May 11th 2017. Students were also recognised and rewarded for their achievements.

We were also formally recognised by the SSAT (the schools, students and teachers network) for being placed in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and the top 20% nationally for achievement at GCSEs for 2015-16.

Our STEM girls also performed very well at the Big Bang competition earlier this year. More information is available in the QE Girl's magazine that was emailed today (26/05/2017). Our STEM girls also won the 'Stations of the future' competition by EDF Energy, please see the school website for more details.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families and students of upcoming events and as well as some expectations as the half term draws to a close. Please see the attached information below.

We hope you have a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the second half of the summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Duffy
Deputy Headteacher

Some reminders for the summer term 2017

End of Year Assessments

Year 7 will begin their end of year tests from the week beginning Monday 12th June and the end of year reports will be available to go home from the week beginning Monday 26th June.

Year 8 will begin their end of year tests from the week beginning Monday 20th June and the end of year reports to be available to go home from the week beginning Monday 3rd July.

Year 9 will begin their end of year tests from the week beginning Monday 26th June and the end of year reports will be available to go home from the week beginning Monday 10th July.

Year 10 will be undertaking their mock exams from Thursday 15th of June until Monday 3rd of July and the end of year reports will be available to go home from the week beginning Monday 10th July. The timetable is available on the school website at [Year 10 mock exam timetable](#) while topics students need to revise can be found in the Year 10 Information booklet (given out in early February 2017 at the Parents Information Evening) at [Year 10 revision information booklet](#). Alternatively they can be found under Students on our 'In Year Examinations' page.

Sports Day

Sports Day is in Allianz Park on Thursday 29th June and more information will follow early in the June.

Activities Days

Will be held on Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July both on and off school site. More details will follow towards the end of June.

Last day of the summer term

School finishes for the academic year on Wednesday 19th July and students will be dismissed from the site from midday.

Uniform - Socks

The uniform standards for Queen Elizabeth's Girl's school are published in the school planner on page 15 of school diary/planner. While the list is not exhaustive it looks to remove any elements of fashion or trends. Given the warmer weather we currently allow for white ankle socks to be worn instead of the standard black tights. This will be the provision until the start of October. Annually, the option of white ankle socks will be from the start of May until the start of October. The ankle socks should not be frilly, coloured or have a bow. Any other colour sock is not permitted.

Uniform - Piercings

We do not allow piercings to be worn on the tongue, inner lip, cheek, eye brow, wrist, nose or upper ear. Again, page 15 states that only a small plain stud is allowed. This message has been communicated to students in assemblies in every half term by the Head of Year, Mr Haines and Mr Duffy. It is reinforced on a daily basis and such items are confiscated for collection at the end of the half term. Each instance of incorrect uniform is recorded and when there are five instances we deem the infringement to be persistent and a student will have a day in internal exclusion.

Phones and Headphones

Students should have their phones switched off and out of sight before they get onto the school site in the morning and until they leave the school site in the afternoon. The school site starts at the first blue gate from Meadway. Students who have their phone out, for any reason, will have it confiscated. On the first occasion this will be returned at the end of the school day and the second occasion will result in either collection by parents or it can be returned at the end of the following school day.

Social Media

While there are benefits to the use of social media there are also significant drawbacks for young people. We would encourage parents to be aware of their daughters' social media use and we strongly discourage inappropriate use that would include name calling, threats, intimidation or the posting of any material that includes either the school's name or uniform in a derogatory manner (this includes on Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and other media sites). It is advisable that parents check the age requirements of some websites. The school has consistently taken appropriate measures including internal and fixed term exclusion for any behaviour deemed to be inappropriate towards other students or that brings the school into disrepute. Students are reminded that they should not post any video or images taken from within the school site in line with our safeguarding, data protection and acceptable use policies.

Miscellaneous

Trainers are not to be worn. Should there be an issue with school shoes then students need to report to the appropriate Head of Year at morning registration. Students are allowed to have natural hair colours other than their own. Students are allowed to wear an Alice band but not bandanas or head scarves, unless for religious reasons.

Equipment and Books

Students must ensure they have the correct equipment with them on a daily basis. Students should also carry a reading book with them on daily basis whether that is one from home or from the school library. We have a rolling programme for literacy that utilises their reading book. Students should also ensure they access their locker before morning registration, break time, lunch time and after school.