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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Creative Arts Festival

A huge well done to all those students involved in a stunning Creative Arts festival this week, and to all the parents that supported it. It was a joyous celebration of the talent and commitment of over 200 students in Art, Dance, Drama and Music, and notably mostly in our younger years. Particular thanks to our wonderful Creative Arts Faculty for giving the students such a wonderful opportunity.



Extreme weather next week

As you'll be aware, there is an Amber Weather warning for extreme heat from Sunday to Tuesday. We are not covered by the 'Red' weather warning that some areas are, and certainly welcome the cooling influence of the Bristol Channel (it's not often we say that!).

As long as the warning remains Amber, school will remain open as usual. We will allow students to wear PE kit instead of normal uniform if they wish. We would encourage students

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to bring in good sized bottles of water, and they wear hats when outside. We will amend activities that would be more likely to be an issue in the heat, and will move classes from the hottest rooms in the school. Year 10 students may wear their PE kit on Tuesday for their mock interviews.

We will, of course, keep a close eye on the weather forecast and any warnings. Some areas are now covered by a red warning - if this were to be the case here, you could assume that we would close the school for any time covered by a red warning, but we will, of course, communicate accordingly.

As it stands we will return to normal uniform requirements on Wednesday, but will keep you posted.

End of Year Staff Thanks

We recently invited students and parents to send a message of thanks to any teachers as part of the National 'Thank a Teacher' campaign. We're so grateful for you doing so; we remain the most thanked school in the South West.

At the end of term I will again be sharing my (final!) thanks with staff for the incredible job that they've done this year, and I would be very grateful of any messages of thanks to the staff body in general that you would be willing to share. It is so massively appreciated by the staff (and much more powerful than anything I could say to them!).

If you would be willing to share a brief message of thanks to the staff body (feel free to include any special mentions if you like) then it would enable me to really share your appreciation of their efforts. The link to do so is below and we'd ask you to do so by the end of next Tuesday (19th) at the latest. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3zfDWD6Fd3>

Early Finish on last day, Thursday 21st July

A reminder that school will finish at 12.30pm on the last day of term.

I will write again before the end of term with one final letter from me. In the meantime, try not to melt and keep you and yours safe in the heat.

Kind regards



Tom Inman
Headteacher