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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the week I thought it important to write to you to give you an update on developments at The Long Eaton School.

Mr Williams

This week we welcomed Mr Williams to our school. Mr Williams takes up the position of Assistant Principal responsible for Behaviour and standards. I know he is already beginning to establish good relationships with our students and staff. Mr Williams has a wealth of experience across schools in Derby and Nottingham, and I am certain he will continue to support us in raising standards across school.

Year 11/13

I have been incredibly proud and impressed with how Year 11 and Year 13 students have approached their GCSE and A Level examinations this year. They have been mature, hardworking and keen to do well. I have only known these year groups for a relatively short period of time but they have impressed me. Once the examinations have finished, we look forward to the Year 11 leaver's assembly on Wednesday 21st June and the Year 11 Prom on Wednesday 28th June, along with the Year 13 Prom on Wednesday 5th July. These events will be an opportunity for us to reflect with students on their time with us, whilst also celebrating their journey at The Long Eaton School. Whatever your child's next stage of their educational journey is, I sincerely wish them the very best of luck and I hope they keep in touch.

We will of course welcome our Year 11 and Year 13 students back to get their results over the summer break. Please be reminded that the Year 13 results day is Thursday 17th August, and results day for Year 11 students is on Thursday 24th August.

Uniform

We have quite rightly relaxed uniform this week to ensure students feel comfortable in school. Forecasts suggest it will not be as warm next week, therefore we are asking all students to arrive to school in full school uniform. Please refer to my previous letter for expectations if needed. Of course, should the weather be warm again next week I will allow students to remove blazers and ties, and if forecasts change for the week I will update you on Monday. As you will be aware I am keen to discuss with parents longer term solutions to summer uniform. To support this I am welcoming any parents interested in discussing this further to school on Monday 19th June at 4pm.

On Wednesday we handed out over 600 ice pops to students at lunch time. The students love these. There was a really nice atmosphere as students queued in a respectful manner, and then sat together enjoying their free refreshing treats.

Water Safety

Hopefully, you've enjoyed some of the lovely weather we've been having recently! With the sun shining and the high temperature, young people sometimes head to open water for fun and to cool down. This half term we have held assemblies on water safety to educate our students about the dangers of open water such as canals, lakes, rivers, and reservoirs. Long Eaton is a great place, however there is a lot of open water surrounding it, so we felt it vital we educate our students on the dangers.

Community Cohesion

This half term we have also had the privilege of being joined by Dr Manny Barot, who has delivered assemblies to all Year 7-10 and Year 12 students on Community Cohesion, equality, and diversity. Dr Manny Barot has worked for the local and national government, the police service, and the Director of Professional Studies at the National Holocaust Centre. He spoke about the importance of listening to one another and respecting one another's differences. To say that Staff and Students were touched and moved is an understatement. Our staff and students raved about Dr Manny, and many of them came down at the end to shake his hand and talk to him further! Our students were a credit, there was absolute silence in the main hall as they were so engaged and inspired by his hard-hitting story. Dr Manny has passed on his thanks to our students for their engagement, behaviour, and the respect they showed him, and has offered to come back and do further talks with some of his associates who, for example, are holocaust survivors. We are hoping to organise these visits very soon.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for the support you provide on a daily basis to our students and our school. I always say a strong home-school relationship will always ensure that our students receive the very best education, opportunities and support. I wish you all a good weekend.

Yours faithfully
The Long Eaton School



Mark Shipman
Principal