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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the exam season, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students for completing their terminal examinations. The students have been fantastic throughout this challenging period, and the early feedback has been extremely positive. Likewise, a well done to all Year 10 students who sat their first GCSE. We eagerly await their excellent results in the summer and are immensely proud of their efforts and resilience.

I am also delighted to share the excellent feedback we have received from numerous employers regarding our Year 10 students who recently completed their work experience placements. The students represented our school admirably, demonstrating professionalism, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic. Their success in these placements reflects the quality of education and character development we strive for at our school.

I encourage you to visit our school website to read the latest news articles highlighting our students' achievements. Noteworthy mentions include the outstanding accomplishments of those who completed the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, our school being named Educational Setting of the Year at the Heart of England Carer Awards, various sporting achievements, and the enjoyable Ski Trip video [here](#). These stories showcase the diverse talents and hard work of our students and staff.

As we enter the final four weeks of this academic year, we have a series of reward and celebration events planned. We look forward to seeing many of you at these occasions as we celebrate our students' successes. At the same time, we are diligently preparing for September and the next steps in our students' educational journeys. Next week, Year 10 and Year 12 students will begin their progression exams, marking another significant step in their academic development. The whole school will also transition into its operational pattern in preparation for the next academic year. This week, during Tutor Time, students received important messages about the upcoming changes, such as revised lunch timings which are below for your information. Year 9 students will receive confirmation of their option choices on Tuesday, 2nd July. These updates are crucial as we ensure a smooth transition for all students into their next phase of learning – please do speak to Year Leaders should you have any questions.

Lunchtime Arrangements after Half Term:

The updated arrangement will start on **Monday 24 June** and will remain in place for September. Years 8 and 10 will be on first lunch and years 7 and 9 will be on second lunch. This will not affect your child's timetabled lessons.

	7	8	9	10	Sixth Form
Lunch 1 12.20 to 12.50		Food: Canteen Indoor area: Humanities/Canteen Toilet: Humanities/Canteen		Food: Pod or canteen Indoor area: Design Toilets: Design	Food: Common Room Outdoor area: Peace Garden
Lunch 2 13.20 to 13.50	Food: Canteen Indoor area: Humanities/Canteen Toilets: Humanities/Canteen		Food: Pod or canteen Indoor area: Humanities Toilet: Ground Floor Humanities		

Entrance and Exit to school site:

As well as rotating our lunch spaces in readiness for the new academic year we will also rotate the **entrance and exit points** to the school site. Distributing the students across these areas supports with safe arrival and exit to school and ensures that your child is greeted by their Year Leader each morning on arrival. Please therefore note the changes below. For those children with access arrangements their entry / exit arrangements will remain the same.

	7	8	9	10	Sixth Form
Entrance / Exit	Park Road	Lillington Road	Park Road	Front of school	Front of school
Bike Sheds	Basketball Courts	Main Bike Sheds	Main Bike Sheds	Front of school bike sheds	Front of school bike sheds

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all parents and carers for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement are invaluable to the success of our students and the wider school community.

Have a great weekend.



Mike Lowdell
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