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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we return to warmer weather, it has been lovely to see our school grounds come to life once again. The now-permanent residency of our visiting ducks continues to bring smiles across the site, and the long-awaited **reopening of the playing fields** at lunchtime has been hugely celebrated by our students. As temperatures rise and outdoor activity increases, it is essential that all students who require **inhalers** have them in school every day. This is an important part of ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

We have enjoyed hearing all about the recent **London Art trip**, where students experienced a wealth of cultural opportunities. It was particularly pleasing to receive such positive feedback from members of the public regarding the excellent conduct of our learners—something we are incredibly proud of.

This week, we were incredibly proud of one of our Year 7 students, **Coby**, who, alongside his mum, delivered assemblies to every year group as part of Military Child Month. Sharing his experiences as a military child with such honesty and maturity, he demonstrated the very highest standards of our school values. His self-awareness, confidence in being heard, and willingness to speak about what matters most had a powerful impact on students and staff alike. In doing so, he not only raised awareness and understanding across our community, but also showed true aspiration, respect, resilience and kindness—serving as an inspiring role model and making a meaningful difference to our academy.

This week, we were also delighted to welcome Northern Gas Networks, who delivered engaging Net Zero **careers' workshops**. These sessions gave students valuable insight into the future of careers within the energy sector and the pathways available to achieve them.

Our Year 11 students have returned focused and exam ready as they enter the final weeks before their **GCSE examinations**. We are proud of their determination and commitment. To support them, students have taken part in "**Bonkers Bingo**"—a Maths and English-focused Period 6 session that brought a fun and slightly 'bonkers' twist to those all-important final revision opportunities.

Finally, the **Summer Extravaganza** was a vibrant and uplifting celebration of talent from across the school. The hall was festooned with flowers, bunting and a myriad of props, creating a wonderful summer atmosphere that set the tone for an evening of creativity and performance. Students showcased an impressive range of talents, including vocal solos and duets, instrumental performances on violin, guitar, drums and bass, as well as dance and drama. From contemporary pieces to well-loved classics, each performance demonstrated growing confidence, skill and a real sense of enjoyment in taking to the stage. Our ensembles and bands were a particular strength, performing with energy and cohesion, while soloists impressed with their musicality and stage presence. It was clear to see the dedication and rehearsal that had gone into preparing such a varied and high-quality programme. A standout moment in the first half was the powerful and emotional group performance of *Viva La Vida*, which left not a dry eye in the house and was a real highlight of the evening. **Well done to Mrs Warnes and all our learners** for their astounding performances and for creating such a memorable evening.

As the evenings grow longer, thoughts may turn to how our learners can make the most of their time beyond the school day. Please see the attached flyers highlighting a range of local opportunities for students to get involved in.

Key Dates	
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	Friday 1 st May
Bank Holiday (Academy closed)	Monday 4 th May
Year 11 GCSEs commence	Tuesday 5 th May
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 18 th May – Friday 22 nd May
May Half Term	Monday 25 th May- Friday 29 th May
Academy reopens to all learners	Monday 1 st June
Year 7 Parents' evening	Thursday 18 th June
Year 6 Transitions days	Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July
Sports Day	Friday 10 th July
Last day of term	Friday 17 th July

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holder
Headteacher