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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write as we come to the end of another school year to help you prepare for the start of the next one.

Firstly though, I would like to thank you for your continued support this year. We continue to have very high attendance at parent teacher meetings, an example of the tremendous support that you give the school. Along with the annual parent-teacher meetings we will have information evenings for each year group. I encourage you to attend these so that you can find out about the key issues and plans for the year ahead.

UPDATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM

The first day back for students is Wednesday 4th September. A day later than originally planned because of the extensive refurbishment and building work taking place this summer. On this day there are target setting meetings for each student in Years 8 to 11 and 13. Parents/carers are invited to these important meetings. A separate letter sent over the summer break will give you the time of the meeting. Students joining Year 7 have a special programme on 4th September.

Wednesday 4th September: First day of school for Year 7, 8.30am until dismissal at 1.45pm
One-to-one meetings for students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13

Thursday 5th September: Teaching starts for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 (8.30am start)
Year 12 Induction starts*

Monday 9th September: Year 12 teaching starts at 11.10am (period 3)*
Year 13 teaching starts at 8.50 (period 1)

*** only Year 12 students who have successfully enrolled by these dates can attend.**

COLLECTION OF EXAM RESULTS

Thursday 15th August: 9am: AS and A Level results from Sixth Form Centre

Thursday 22nd August: 10am-12pm: GCSE results from Sixth Form Centre

ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 12

Enrolment for our new Year 12 students happens on Friday 23rd and Tuesday 27th August in the new Sixth Form Centre. Appointments will be sent by letter. We know that some boys cannot attend on either of these days so we will also enrol William Ellis students on the day of the GCSE results, Thursday 22nd August. If students are unable to enrol on any of these dates, please email the sixth form office as soon as possible to rearrange (LAvery@parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk).

BUILDING AND REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME

The summer refurbishment work has already started; the installation of new windows has begun and over the summer almost every window in the school will be replaced. This will improve our energy efficiency. We also hope that ventilation will be dramatically improved, especially in the main school hall, we will all appreciate this. We have major work at the rear of the school with some demolition and other remodelling to create new larger modern languages classrooms. There is also remodelling of maths classrooms. The programme of work

will extend into the autumn term but the intrusive and noisy work should be completed over the summer break. We are extremely grateful for the funding of this work through Camden's Community Investment Programme especially in this time of scarce resources.

LEADERSHIP OF PASTORAL CARE IN THE SCHOOL

Over the last few years we have made a succession of changes to the leadership of pastoral care in the school. For some time, Mr Altmann has been the pastoral lead for years 7 and 8 and carefully overseen the transition of boys from primary school into our school. Last year Mr Parry became the Senior Pastoral Leader for Years 9 and 10. Mr Parry also leads on our careers programme and work experience. We have decided to keep this arrangement in the future:

Senior Pastoral Leader Year 7 & 8, and KS2-3 transition lead: Mr Altmann

Senior Pastoral Leader Year 9 & 10, and Careers Education Lead: Mr Parry

Senior Pastoral Leader Year 11 and whole school lead on attendance: Ms Mercier Peart

The Senior Pastoral Leaders (Mr Altmann, Mr Parry and Ms Mercier Peart), along with Mr Germanos, Senior Progress Leader, work as a team to lead pastoral care for boys in Years 7 to 11. They are assisted in this important role by form tutors. Wherever possible we keep form tutors with the same tutor group as they move up through the school.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am delighted to report that Stuart Taylor, who has a son in year 7, has been appointed as a parent governor. No election was required as Stuart was the only nomination received.

CAMDEN SUMMER UNIVERSITY AND CAMDEN CHALLENGE

As part of the Camden Summer University (www.cmdn.co.uk) there are some amazing opportunities for young people to develop their understanding and skills in the creative and design industries, called the Camden Challenge. Five major design companies have opportunities exclusively for young people aged 13 to 17 who attend Camden schools or live in Camden. Companies participating are: Ted Baker, Conran Design, Argent, Lendlease with Central St Martins and Heatherwick X store. Places are prioritised on eligibility criteria but there are still places available. The deadline for applications is 22nd July. The links below take you through to the activity on the Summer University website.

Global Design with Conran Design Group, 5th – 9th August (15-17 year olds)

<https://www.cmdn.co.uk/courses/0/allcategories/671/Camden-Challenge-Global-Design-with-Conran-Design-Group->

Designing the sustainable city of the future with Lendlease and Central Saint Martins, 29th July – 1st August (16-17 year olds) <https://www.cmdn.co.uk/courses/0/allcategories/646/Camden-Challenge-Designing-the-Sustainable-City-of-the-Future>

Designing Kings Cross with Argent, 29th – 31st July (13-15 year olds)

<https://www.cmdn.co.uk/courses/0/allcategories/647/Camden-Challenge-Designing-Kings-Cross>

Ted Baker Sneaker Design, 25th – 26th July (13-15 year olds)

<https://www.cmdn.co.uk/courses/0/allcategories/591/Camden-Challenge-Ted-Baker-Sneaker-Design->

Architecture, art and design with Heatherwick x STORE, 29th July – 10th August (16-18 year olds)

<https://www.cmdn.co.uk/courses/0/allcategories/648/Camden-Challenge-Heatherwick-x-STORE->

WATER BOTTLES

As a move towards greater environmental sustainability in the school, please provide your son with a water bottle. Last year we had new drinking fountains installed that enable water bottles to be filled easily and from September we will no longer have any single use cups in the canteen.

COST OF SCHOOL MEALS

From September the cost of a full school meal will increase to £2.60, an increase of 10p.

UNIFORM AND SHOES

I would be grateful if you could check your son's uniform (years 7-11) in good time for the start of term. All boys in Year 10 should have their black blazer ready for the start of term. Ties will be available to purchase from the school office at the start of term. Boys need to have the correct PE kit – there are new kit options available this year from our suppliers, (www.swidtp.co.uk).

Shoes must be plain black without any fancy decorations or logos. I would ask you to take care when purchasing school shoes as you will be asked to replace shoes that are contrary to school regulations. Black jeans are not regulation trousers.

CONTACT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

It is particularly important that the contact information we hold for you is up-to-date. If you have changes to your contact details the best way to update them is via the Parents tab/update contact details form on our school website: www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming your sons and daughters back to school in September and I hope that you and your family have an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S White

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