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Dear families

This penultimate week of term has seen the conclusion of our Student Council election, with each form group electing two representatives as well as Sports Captains. This process gives a vital voice to the students around all aspects of their experiences of school. Mr Pratt and I will be meeting with them next week to hear their thoughts on initial priorities and set up arrangements for how we will meet throughout the year.

## New Safer Schools Officer – PC Roy Baird

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Safer Schools Officer, PC Roy, who has joined us in recent weeks. The partnership with the Metropolitan Police Safer Schools Team is an important aspect of us maintaining a culture of safeguarding in and around the school and building good relationships across the wider school community. PC Roy has already met with several groups of students and staff and we are very pleased to have him here. You may see him at the school gate at the start and end of the day.

## MPOWER Project – Mondays 3.15-4.15pm

This is an exciting opportunity for selected BAME students in Year 8 and Year 9. The project which incorporates group mentoring aims to build confidence, raise aspirations and develop leadership skills in students.

It is being run by the well-established Camden Somali Youth Development and Resource Centre, SYDRC, but is available to a range of students. It runs every Monday from 3:15pm to 4:15 pm in Room 8.

The selected students are aware of the high expectations we have and will endeavour to improve their behaviour and demonstrate impeccable learner attributes at school.

## WESPA welcome event for Year 7 and 8 families

This welcome event is an important chance for families of students who joined us in 2020 and 2021 to become more familiar with the school and to meet each other. You should have received more information from WESPA separately – please email <u>williamellispa@gmail.com</u> if you have not.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is a Professional Development Day for staff, and so the half term will finish for students at 3:15pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. Full details of our term dates can be found <u>here on</u> <u>our website</u>.

Yours faithfully,

Izzy Jones, Headteacher