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Dear families,

Welcome to this week's letter, with information about the Easter foodbank collection that took place at the end of term, some notices for this week and details of a magazine recently published by the English department. Details about the Camden Clean Air Cycle Ride taking place at the end of May can also be found in the email attachment.

## **Foodbank collection**

Thank you once again to everybody in our school community who supported our recent collection for the Camden Foodbank. Donated items were collected last week, a small selection of which can be seen in the images below.



## Strikes on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Coronation Bank Holiday on 8<sup>th</sup> May

Further to the information last Friday, there will be another day of NEU strike action on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The school will only be open to students in Year 11 and 13, and information about lessons and private study will be sent to those year groups individually. I appreciate the ongoing challenges of school closures and the responses I have received from families about the strikes. In addition to the May Day holiday on Monday 1st May, all schools nationally are closed to all students and staff for the Coronation Bank Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## Consultation on break and lunch arrangements

Since September 2020, we have had separate break and lunch times for Key Stage 3, and 4 and 5 students. This change was made to make it harder for COVID to spread in the school and we are now considering changing back to the same lunch and break time for all students. This would be a big change for everyone's experience of the school day. We would like to know what students think about this. There is a survey for them to fill in on Satchel One – you should receive a notification later today or tomorrow on the Satchel app.

The English department have recently compiled the first edition of their new magazine comprising a number of creative pieces by students from across the year groups. This can be viewed on the <u>school website</u>. Well done to everybody involved in producing this magazine. We look forward to volume two.

Yours faithfully,

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Izzy Jones, Headteacher