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Dear families,

I am writing this week with some information about the end of term and looking ahead to September, in advance of a fuller newsletter and reflections on the 2022/23 academic year that will come to you next week.

Events in the final week of term

- **Monday 17th July:** Sports days for Year 7 during periods 1 and 2, and for Year 8 periods 4 and 5. All students will have break at 9:50 and lunch at 12:15 to accommodate this. The WES Got Talent Show will also be taking place after school, and students are invited to attend as performers or part of the audience.
- **Tuesday 18th July:** Lauderdale House music concert, beginning at 6pm. Families of all students who are performing are welcome to attend.

It is important that students have the correct blazers and uniform when they return in September. For students entering KS4 (Year 10), please ensure that the relevant black blazers are ordered in good time (you can use this link to place an order <https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>). There will be an optional blazer size fitting after school on Tuesday 18th July at 3.15-3.45pm.

- **Wednesday 19th July:** WESPA Awards evening, beginning at 6pm. Families of students receiving awards are being contacted today and we'd be delighted to see you there. I'd like to thank WESPA for their ongoing support of these events.
- **Friday 21st July: final day of term,** all students will be in lessons followed by year group assemblies and tutorials. They must bring their normal equipment for periods 1 and 2. This will be a non-uniform day to raise money for the Student Council's chosen charity. **All students will be dismissed between 12:15 and 12:30pm,** and the canteen will be open for students to get a pre-prepared lunch if they wish. All students will need to be off site by 1pm.

Arrangements for lunchtime in September

Next year, we will be continuing with a common break and lunchtime for all students as we have had this half term. This decision has been taken in response to student and staff feedback, discussions with the Student Council and planning across all areas of the school. We have made this decision so that:

- We can provide a full menu of clubs and extra-curricular activities for students during the school day
- There is indoor space for students when it is wet
- We are able to teach the full PE curriculum to all year groups, which requires playground space to be used

There will be a staggered canteen timetable and differentiated areas of the playground for different year groups. We are also investing in additional playground equipment and outdoor seating so that we can maximise our use of the space we have. We continue to be in discussions with Camden about how we can improve our outdoor spaces in the school.

Arrangements for returning at the start of term

All students should return to school on Wednesday, 6th September.

Students in next year's year 7 and 12 will be in for a full day, from 8:30am.

Students in next year's years 8-11 and 13 should come into school at 1:30pm for an after lunch tutorial session. This is an important part of the school year, before lessons start as normal on Thursday 7th. Dates for the rest of the year can be found at <https://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk/term-dates>

Yours faithfully,



Izzy Jones, Headteacher



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