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Dear families,

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Year 7 parents' evening last night, with the opportunity to meet teachers face to face and discuss the progress that students have made in their first term of secondary school. We know that in Year 7, coming into the school and getting a face-to-face sense of students' experience and meeting teachers personally is very important and that was fed back to us.

However, we have also heard from parents who welcomed online evenings during the last few years, and so will continue with these in Years 8-10. We have made this decision in particular:

- To ensure that 5-minute slots run to time, ensuring that all parents with an appointment have an equal discussion with teachers
- To support parents who are juggling parents evening with evening work commitments, and can attend online when face to face would not be possible
- To support families who aren't able to organise care for younger children that would enable them to attend parents' evening

Future parents' evenings will take place on the following dates:

- Year 9 – 8th December 2022
- Year 11 – 26th January 2023
- Year 10 – 9th March 2023
- Year 8 – 11th May 2023

Upcoming events for the rest of this term

- Year 11 mock examinations in all subjects start on Monday, 5th December, continuing to Wednesday 14th December
- Year 10 Languages trip to Spain: next week, 5th – 9th December
- Year 9 Parents' evening, online, 4:30-7:00pm - Thursday 8th December
- WESPA annual general meeting – Tuesday, 6th December in the evening at school
- Year 12 students will sit in-class examination assessments during the week of 12th December
- Winter Entertainment Evening event – Thursday 15th December. Refreshments will be available to purchase from 5.30pm, with entertainment beginning at 6pm. *There is no charge for entrance but we will be collecting donations, with proceeds going towards equipment for the Music Department.*
- Last day of term: Friday 16th December, students dismissed at 12:30pm

The first day of Spring term for students will be Wednesday 4th January 2023 (this will be a Week A).

We know that rail strikes have been announced that may affect staff and student travel for the final week of this term and in the first week of January. We will let you know if this impacts on school in any way once more is known about which lines will be affected.

Supporting Camden Food Bank this Christmas

As mentioned in last week's letter, from 5th-15th December our school community will be collecting donated items for The [Camden Food Bank](#), which has been overwhelmed in recent weeks with local people needing help.

Nationally almost 1.3 million emergency food parcels were given out in the 6 months up to September 2022, with almost 500,000 of these being handed out to children, according to the leading charity The Trussell Trust. As the cost-of-living crisis deepens the Food Bank is appealing for donations to help local families in need.

The items required are:

- Tinned fish & meat - *tuna, sardines, mackerel, hot dogs, meatballs, meat in sauce, Fray Bentos etc.*
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Long life milk - *Whole, Semi, Soya, Oat or Almond*
- Breakfast cereal - *Cornflakes, Coco Pops, Rice Krispies, Fruit and Fibre, etc.*
- Jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread
- Long life juice and squash
- Cooking oil
- Coffee, tea and hot chocolate
- Christmas sweets and biscuits
- Toiletries - *shampoo, shower gel, toilet rolls*
- Washing powder for Laundry, Washing up Liquid
- Christmas presents suitable for children and teenagers

Items can be dropped off at the collection point in the Library between 8am-4pm on weekdays, and there will be a final opportunity to contribute at our Winter Entertainment Evening on 15th December.

We thank you in advance for any items you feel able to donate.

Activities during the Christmas and New Year holidays

The Young Camden Winter Programme is now open for bookings. Participants will receive FREE access to physical & enriching activities, nutritional education and a FREE healthy hot meal every day. *More details can be found at <https://haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk/>*

Movember fundraising by PE dept

Finally, we're pleased to let you know that the PE Department and some other staff have raised £573 during November for Movember, a nationwide campaign to promote awareness and action around men's mental and physical health. Their moustaches were a definite talking point for the students and led to low-key conversations about why these issues are important. More information about the national campaign can be found at [How to donate to Movember and support men's health - Movember](#)

Yours faithfully,



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