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Dear families,

### **Promoting positive identity and relationships**

A group of our Year 10 students recently collaborated with a group from Parliament Hill School on a project for Camden Youth Safety Award. It was about gender, relationships and sexual harassment. The Awards Ceremony was last Friday and I'm delighted to share that we won joint-first prize and it can be seen here: [What it means to be a teen in 2023](#)

Students involved:

10B Daniel, Dylan, Yoseph  
10F Ahmed, Pierre  
10K Arian, Imran, Felix  
10L Damario, Gordon  
10W Joseph, Moleteng

In addition, following Year 8's "Counter Don't Cancel" DLD in February about social media and misogyny, with most of the workshops led by Year 10 and 11 students, and several weeks of follow up work, we made a short film with students from Middlesex University which was entered into a competition called "Hear My Voice." It also won first prize. Different versions of the film are here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oka5QB3Qlc> and here <https://youtu.be/93nkH5GI4tk>

### **NEU strikes - 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The National Education Union have called two teacher strike days in July and these will affect many schools around the country including William Ellis. The school will be closed to all students except for the following:

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July will be Year 6 transition day, with our 2023 starters coming to a day of introductory activities. Some current students will be invited individually as mentors – they would have been involved in the same way had the strike not been taking place.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 8 camp will run as intended, including groups leaving and returning to school on the Wednesday.
- Year 10 work experience will continue as planned.

If there are any changes to strike day arrangements, we will inform you as soon as possible.

### **Eid**

We are expecting that next Wednesday some students will celebrate Eid on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and would like to wish a Happy Eid to all our students and families for that day. Before the date was confirmed we had planned Year 7 and 8 Sports Day. We are looking at finding an alternative date around camps and other school events and will let students and families in that year group know separately if this is possible. We expect all students to be in school on all days other than 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Parent governor election**

I'd like to congratulate Jelke Boesten on her election as our new parent governor, and also thank the other parents who stood and all who voted. Jelke has a son in Year 8 and I'm sure will make a valuable contribution to the governing body.

**Upcoming events**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Awards Evening and 6<sup>th</sup> Form celebration event

w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 8 camp

w/b 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 camp

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Lauderdale House music concert

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – WESPA Awards Evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – end of the summer term, students dismissed at lunchtime

Yours faithfully,



Izzy Jones,  
Headteacher