

11 July 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well, enjoying the warm weather as we head towards the summer holiday. The weather is expected to be particularly warm this week so please ensure your child has a water bottle with them and sunscreen to wear for outdoor activities.

It was wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 students and parents last Tuesday for their Transition Day and Evening. They enjoyed lessons and getting to know each other in team building activities. I would like to thank PaSTA (Parent and Student, Teacher Association) for providing refreshments in the Year 7 Quad to enable parents to get to know each other and meet the tutors informally.

I am looking forward to welcoming Year 10 students back to school this week after their week of work experience. We have been very pleased with the support of local employers in hosting students to provide them with interesting work placements.

It has been a very busy time in school now that the examination period has ended with many enjoyable activities taking place.

It was great to see so many parents enjoying the school production of Grease. The performing arts have been challenged in the past two years due to Covid restrictions and it was therefore amazing to see so many students enjoying being on stage performing. The hard work and effort of all the cast, crew and staff culminated in a tremendous performance.

Year 7 students proved to be very creative on Friday in an activity to create a sustainable city build with a Jubilee theme built around Lake Elizabeth. There were many extremely impressive buildings on display which students had designed and made themselves and then worked in a tutor team to create sections of the city. The standard was very high and staff judges had a challenge deciding on the winning tutor group and winning building!

Year 11 students recently enjoyed their prom at Amersham Cricket Club. It was lovely to see them so dressed up for a very well deserved evening of dancing and challenging themselves on some rather exciting inflatables!

Year 7, 8 and 9 students had a 'Fun in the Sun' day on Wednesday with a fun sports day and a range of inflatables to enjoy as a good opportunity to enjoy team spirit with their tutor group and staff.

All of these events take considerable hard work from staff who go above and beyond their already high workload to provide students with enriching experiences beyond the classroom. I am sure you share my appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the students' wellbeing and happiness.



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We are unfortunately seeing higher rates of COVID-19 infections amongst staff and your child may have had one or more of their teachers absent recently. We are pleased that we have not had to cancel or rearrange events, but your child may have experienced lessons with cover or supply teachers. We will continue to manage this over the coming week to ensure all lessons are delivered to the best standard possible if your child's teacher is absent. We continue to ventilate classrooms and other occupied spaces and your help in reminding your children about hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind you of the start of term arrangements and school day from September.

On Friday 2nd September, students in Year 7 and Year 12 only will be in school for their induction. This is a full school day.

On Monday 5th September all students return to school.

As stated in my letter to you on 24th June the structure of the school week has been carefully reviewed along with the structure of the school day. I am pleased to inform you that from the start of next term the school day will return to five lessons per day of one hour each. The school day will remain the same as this year and Wednesday will return to a full school day. Timings for the school day from September are as follows:

Registration	8:45-9:05
Period 1	9.05-10.05
Period 2	10:05-11:05
Break 1	11:05-11:35
Period 3	11:35-12:35
Period 4	12:35-13:35
Break 2	13:35-14:05
Period 5	14:05-15:05

Spare seats on Council-run school buses

The Council is legally required to provide transport for those pupils eligible for free transport to and from school under national and local policies. When there are seats on school buses that are not required for eligible pupils, the Council makes these available for sale, under the Spare Seat Scheme.

Check the [spare seats available for the autumn term 2022](#)

I hope you have a pleasant week ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Whitehead
Principal