



Dear Parents and Carers,

27th June 2018

The weather certainly has been glorious this week and we have been coping well. Students have been sensible and brought plenty of water to school and we have encouraged them to not wear blazers. We have also moved classrooms if they have been particularly hot. It is always a challenge and difficult decision to make regarding uniform so we try to be as sensible as possible. A few people have asked me about wearing PE kit in hot weather, and it is certainly something we will consider if the weather gets hotter as it was last year. In my mind I think about temperatures above 28 degrees being the indicator for any decision around PE kit and carefully track weather using the met office app which seems to be most effective. I work with Mr Neild at Samuel Ward to make sure that we are making decisions for both schools that are aligned.

We have now finished exam season for Year 11 and are looking forward to their two celebration events, graduation this Friday, 29th June, and Prom the following Friday at Chilford Hall. Now that Year 11 are not in school Miss Cianciola has taken on looking after Year 9 as their achievement leader, so if you have anything you would like to contact her about please email on GCianciola@castlemanor.org.uk

We had some fantastic news last week when we were notified that we have been named finalists in the Cambridge Evening News Education Awards. We have reached the final 3 in the Secondary School of the Year awards, and will be attending a special awards dinner at Homerton College in July. I will keep you updated!

Please can I finally remind you of the importance of school attendance, and that we cannot authorise term time holidays. We work business as usual with all lessons right up to the last day of term, every lesson is important! Our whole school attendance is still too low, and we appreciate all that you are doing to ensure your child comes to school every day, with only absences for illness or unavoidable circumstances.

As usual please do contact me if you would like to meet or speak on the phone, my email is VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk, and my PA, Mrs Mitchell is on GMitchell@castlemanor.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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