



Dear Parents and Carers,

4th July 2022

On Friday we had our PD day, and I just wanted to feedback what an excellent day it was for our staff. We joined with all of the staff in our Trust - nearly 2,000 people, and took part in some excellent sessions and networks, covering a wide range of topics and activities. I know it probably felt a bit odd to have a random day near the end of term, but for staff development it really was well worth it.

We had our Head Student election on Thursday, which was set up with a polling station that students had to attend. Our overall turnout was 64%. The candidates had been through a really rigorous process including making campaign videos. Our Haverhill Mayor also visited and talked with them about the democratic process and passed on top tips!

I am delighted to let you know that our new Head Students are Shilpa and Ji-Sun. I look forward very much to working with them and the rest of student parliament in the coming year.

This week is a very busy week with Work Experience and Activities week. I hope that every student has a really lovely week and enjoys something a bit different. We have tried to put in place things that everyone will gain from as individuals and groups. We will be asking for feedback after the week too so that we can plan for next year too!

Exams are now finished for the year, they have been going on for around two months! Big congratulations to all students who have been taking exams, it has been hard work, and they have worked very hard.

I have had a couple of questions about school shoes and boots. Boots may be worn if they don't have heels, and are polishable and professional - in line with our school uniform. Boots such as Uggs are not suitable for school.

We really enjoyed This is me Day on Thursday and it was great to see students in different dress representing who they are - cultural dress and uniforms for groups such as cadets proved very popular.

This week staff are all in different places and doing different things. We still have plenty of staff in school but please note that they are unlikely to be able to respond to emails during the school day. If you have anything urgent please call the school so that you can be supported. I am looking forward to visiting students on their work experience placements this week!

Have a lovely week, thank you for all of your support.
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