



Dear Parents and Carers,

6th June 2022

I hope that you have had a good week and have enjoyed the Jubilee Celebrations. I found myself completely absorbed, particularly charmed by Paddington Bear's appearance!

This week brings many exams for Year 11 but also the beginning of the exam season for Years 7-10. We use the hall for some exams for every year group so that they are very used to the routines and expectations by the time they sit their formal exams.

I wanted to remind you of our summer uniform expectations for blazers. We want students to feel comfortable and have worked with them to look at how we can do this. This means that students are welcome to leave blazers at home if it is hot and they feel they won't need them during the day. This doesn't however mean that they can replace them with other layers such as hoodies, simply that they bring no blazer and wear their shirt and tie. If they are likely to be needing an outer layer it should be their blazer.

We have had an excellent Student Parliament group this year, working under the leadership of our Head Girl, Joni and Head Boy, Joseph. We are currently seeking applications for these positions for the next academic year and your child will have been told how to apply, please do talk to them if you think this is a position that they should put themselves forward for. We will also be appointing our House Captains, including for our new house - Cleves House.

This week our Theme of the Week is 'A World of Difference' and we will be looking at differences and similarities in our community and across the country and the world. Within this we will be exploring how to ask questions appropriately, language we should and shouldn't use and thinking about different scenarios and how to respond to them. We will be considering topics including different cultures, racism, physical differences. I imagine that the content we cover may extend into conversations at home too. Over the following two weeks we will be focusing on Pride week, and then Anti Bullying, with all of the weeks having input and leadership from our student groups - particularly the Pride Alliance Group and our Young Activists Group.

As we head towards the end of exams for Year 11 I wanted to just raise to all parents that we are very happy to receive any uniform that is no longer needed, we use this to provide uniform to those in need, and are very grateful for this. If you have any donations please do drop them off at reception.

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This term is a very busy one, with Out to Work Day for Year 9 this week, Year 10 Work Experience upcoming, Activities Week, Haverhill Heroes, PROUD Awards, Sports Day and Year 7 transition to name but a few events. We are always really pleased to engage with parents and are very happy to be contacted. My email is VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk please do get in touch if you need anything.

Wishing you a lovely week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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