

23rd June 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Sports day cancelled

At the time of writing to parents yesterday evening it seemed as if temperatures for Friday 26th June were likely to be lower than those we are currently facing. However, the forecast has since risen significantly, with local temperatures on Friday now expected to reach the mid-30s. With this in mind, I have had to make the decision to cancel Friday's sports day. I am very disappointed to have to do this, but I trust parents/guardians appreciate that my priority has to be the health and safety of students and staff. I would like to thank Ms McGuigan, Head of PE, and the PE team for all the hard work they had put into preparing for the day and I know students in a number of tutor groups are still completing their tutor group banners to be judged at celebration assemblies.

Other trips and expeditions

I have also made the decision to postpone the Year 10 geography trip to Stratford. I am conscious that students and staff were due to travel to Stratford via the Central line, and I felt that given that we will be able to find an alternative date, it was the right decision to postpone the trip and have students attend school as normal. As things currently stand, we are confident that the Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) expedition, which is due to leave on Friday, will be able to go ahead. Ms Hunter, DofE coordinator, will be able to adapt the programme for Friday, with temperatures returning to normal over the weekend.

Building update

We have been closely monitoring the temperature of our classrooms throughout the day. Although the school is hotter than usual, the mitigations we have in place seem to be working and with some strategic re-rooming where necessary, I believe we are in a position to run our school day as usual tomorrow. The portable air conditioning units we have purchased have undoubtedly made a difference, but we will continue to monitor the situation closely as I am aware the building temperature could rise further over the coming days. Should we need to add further mitigations or shorten the school day, I will communicate this to parents as soon as possible. I recognise we have students with underlying health conditions, and will of course respect the decisions of parents who chose to follow national guidelines during extreme temperatures. I would, however, remind families that should students not attend school for any reason, they should not be present in the vicinity of the school at the start or end of the day.

After school activities

I have also made the decision to cancel all Period 6 lessons and after-school clubs for the remainder of the week. I am aware that we have our Year 11 and Year 13 celebration events taking place on Thursday evening and I would encourage Year 11 students in particular to perhaps limit the amount of time they spend taking photographs outside of the school. I recognise that this is a special time for students and families, but it is highly likely to be very hot outside of the school at that time. We have confirmed with Denham Grove that the venue has air conditioning and they have contingencies in place for the heat.

Dress code

I would like to apologise for not highlighting earlier that we were considering the move to PE kit. As a parent myself, I recognise the challenges of ensuring PE kit is clean. With this in mind, I have also decided to relax the expectations to wear RHS socks to school over the coming days; ordinary socks will be acceptable.



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I would like to thank parents/guardians for your understanding of this difficult situation, and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "G.D.", is positioned above the printed name.

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