

Our Ref: DWt/LPu

30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

Do forgive me for writing a little earlier this week, **tomorrow is a non-pupil day** as you know so none of our youngsters are in. Another really positive week which saw us on Monday and Tuesday welcome our Year 6 youngsters for their two induction days. I cannot believe how quickly that has come around. A fantastic couple of days which were jam-packed and full of anticipation. We are very much looking to them all being with us properly in September.

### **Year 10**

Today we bid farewell to our Year 10 young people who embark on their Work Experience placements. A great opportunity to see what the real working world is like and hopefully to clarify a few thoughts for the future. My own Work Experience placement many years ago saw me unloading Lorries at 7.00am at the back of C&A in Romford. I finished at 5.00pm and looking back on it those long hours and that taste of what work is actually like, really opened my eyes. If it was an expectation to work long hours and to work hard, then so be it. It was hard but I enjoyed it, and I like to think I still continue to work hard, as that is just what you do.

### **Work Experience – Mr Powell**

Good luck to all Year 10 pupils who will starting their work experience this coming Monday. Dates are Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. All Year 10 pupils going on work experience should have confirmed their place with the employer this week and agreed to working hours and expected dress code.

Any Year 10 pupils who have not arranged a work experience placement or have not returned their work experience form will be expected in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as normal. Year 10 pupils not on work experience will be in school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. Pupils will be following normal school timings and be expected to be in full school uniform. Tutor for those pupils in school will be in the Opportunities Hub at 8.40am starting Monday; these pupils will be following an alternative timetable preparing them for the workplace.

Should you have any queries please contact via email Mr Powell Head of Careers and Post-16:  
[jpo@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jpo@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk)

### **Enrichment Opportunities: Extra-Curricular Activities**

Extra-Curricular Activities (clubs) will run until the Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Information about what's on can be found on our website: [Enrichment Opportunities: Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

Here's what's been happening in some of our clubs:

### ***Athletic Performance – Mr White***

It has been an incredibly busy year in Athletic Performance, with a huge amount of fixtures and clubs taking place. There have been 406 fixtures across the course of this year, with opportunity for hundreds of pupils to take part in extra-curricular sport and represent the school. This has

broadened their horizons and allowed them some fantastic experiences, competing with the very best state and private schools in the country.

There has been huge success off the back of this, winning 27 district and 4 county competitions across Football, Rugby, Netball and Basketball. We have qualified for the National Athletics final with our Junior Boys team which will take place this Saturday in Abingdon; another fantastic achievement by our pupils and a reflection on their hard work.

One of the most pleasing aspects of this year has been the ability to provide opportunities for all pupils to participate in sport, this is reflected in the number of times we have multiple teams playing and have even at times had A-E teams out.

The power of sport is huge, and I am a firm believer in the way it can underpin life skills and enhance characteristics that will set pupils up for life after school.

### **ePraise Top Achievers Shout Out**

The pupils receiving the most AROE ePraise points this last week are:

#### **Aspiration**

Toby C – Year 9  
Luke M – Year 9  
Emma J – Year 9  
Charlie E – Year 9

#### **Resilience**

Ronnie R – Year 7  
Angel-Louise T – Year 7  
Brandon E – Year 7  
Hannah F – Year 7

#### **Opportunity**

Rio A – Year 7  
Tahseen I – Year 7  
Benjamin B – Year 8  
George F – Year 8

#### **Excellence**

Ryan B – Year 9  
Chrissette E – Year 7  
Onyekachukwu N – Year 9  
Jake H – Year 9

Well done all and keep it up!



### **AROE Curriculum Lessons – Mrs Ash**

Please ensure that you have checked the AROE lesson Parental Communication Calendar for this half term to familiarise yourselves with the topics due to be covered: [AROE Lessons Term 3B: Parent Communication Calendar](#)

### **Lessons W/C 4<sup>th</sup> July:**

Year 7: Enterprise, problem solving and teamwork - (Living in the Wider World)

Year 8: Fake NEWS - misleading bias information - (Living in the Wider World)

Year 9: Volunteering - (Living in the Wider World)

Please contact Miss Ash via email on [has@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:has@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk) should you have any queries or concerns.

### **Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) – Mrs Handford**

DEAR time for Years 7 and 8 will take place on Wednesday period 1; this will be our last session this academic year. Well done to both year groups for a wonderful session this week. DEAR has been a very successful initiative so far and we look forward to continuing this in September for Years 7, 8 and 9 so that we can continue to encourage a love of reading.

Thank you in advance for the support with today's second-hand book sale and with our sponsored read. Please can we have all sponsorship money in by Thursday 7th July. We have had some amazing successes with our sponsored read, some pupils have read an incredible amount of books and I look forward to sharing further details with you next week.

### **Moving forward**

Tomorrow is our INSET day where we will be concentrating on curriculum planning, to ensure all is ready for September to keep providing interesting and appropriately challenging content and putting it across in the very best ways.

We will also be having our new staff induction, where our new teaching staff come in and get to know our school a little better. They will also be involved in the planning in their faculty areas. Whilst it is sad when people move on, we have to adapt because life is ever changing.

I am incredibly excited by those who continue our journey as well as those who are just embarking on it. As I have said on many occasions you only get one chance at education and we only want the best here to be able to do that. Roll on September!

Best wishes,

Mr David Wright  
**Head Teacher**