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Dear Parents,

As we near the May bank holiday, I have lots of upcoming events and dates to share. We have had a great learning term - with many highlights in our current expeditions and the KS4 mock exams and GCSEs. Our students have engaged in purposeful fieldwork and great immersion activities. We are looking forward to the last half term where we welcome our new intake of students for immersion activities, whilst also celebrating the successes of the year with you as parents.

Please check out our blog for lots of updates from crews, subjects and expeditions.

1.30pm finish on last day of term

This half term we will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 24th May to allow staff time to degunge in readiness for next half term.

D6

Thank you to all of those students who attended our additional D6 sessions for C27 in readiness to mocks and those students who have utilised this provision in C26 throughout the term. This has been a purposeful space and we've been impressed by the study skills developed in our KS4 students. We had our best ever attendance at D6 with over 50 students attending school on a Saturday morning.

FXP tuck shops continue

We have increased our friends of XP funds this year through the tuck shops and events that have run so far. We are looking forward to further establishing this relationship and events. Please contact office@xpschool.org or office@xpeast.org to find out more about how to support or to suggest additional fundraising ideas that you'd be willing to support.

Duke of Edinburgh events

Our students have learnt about how to manage their energy levels, navigate their maps and be prepared for their expedition as part of their practice DofE sessions.

A reminder to complete their DofE and qualify with the Bronze award students must attend the duration of the expedition. Details of this are outlined below:

DofE Bronze Expedition C28:

2 day & 1 night expedition

XP School	27th & 28th June 2024
XPE School	20th & 21st June 2024

Physical Education

As the weather is getting hotter, please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school and sunscreen.

Dress Code

[Our dress code can be found on the website](#)

At XP, we believe that:

- Children need to learn to express themselves responsibly.
- Children are not all the same, so they should not be forced to look the same.
- Families would rather spend their money on clothes that their children can wear inside and outside school.
- Our strong community and positive culture will not tolerate any kind of bullying or teasing.

As such we do not have a school uniform. Instead, we have a dress code.

With the weather changing and summer approaching, we want to take the opportunity to remind students to continue to dress appropriately and modestly during this time. If you can see up it, down it or through it, it's not modest.

In line with this, we will challenge:

- Cropped tops
- Shoes without backs/ toes
- Any shorts which fit above mid-thigh (including Nike pro style / cycling style), all shorts should be of a mid thigh length (this is a searchable length on most online retailers)...
- Spaghetti/thin strap vest tops
- Tight shorts which are not paired with a long t-shirt
- Sliders and flip flops

If a student is not in acceptable dress, their Crew Leader will give them a clear and specific reason why, and how to correct it. If necessary, students may be instructed to wear school-provided branded clothing for that day or you may be called and asked to drop something appropriate for them to wear (repeat offences). Refusal to follow reasonable requests around dress code will lead to an escalation of consequences.

Reminders - safety around our school site

Students should be dropped off and collected or access school through the student gate in car park 3 at all times. Students should only use the main gate if arriving by taxi or accompanied by a parent using this gate. This is a safeguarding requirement and is adhered to by all trust staff also.

Following our recent fire inspection we are unable to allow anyone to store a bike in the school building, as such any students requesting to do so will be refused. If your child comes to school on their bike, this must be stored at the front of the XP building and locked up. As in previous updates we recommend a D Lock for bikes for additional security.

Please be reminded car park 3 is a public car park and as such students have been advised to disembark their bikes upon entry into the classroom and once at a bike path or away from the busy areas of the car park at drop off and collection times to avoid accidents. There have been several near misses with parents, students and staff over the past few weeks.

Please also be reminded of our car park safety protocol which we share regularly.
<https://xpeast.org/car-park-safety-protocol/>

Presentations of Learning for Summer Term expeditions

X30 8th July

E30 9th July

X29 18th July

E29 17th July

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The list below is some of the upcoming dates for your diaries. Please keep your eyes out on the blog for further dates and invites to events.

- **24th May - C27 LOOL Music students perform at Doncaster Minster Luminarium**
- **GCSEs continue for C26 after half term**
- **Week beginning 3rd and 10th June** C31 transition meetings
- **17th - 21st June** C27 Work Experience
- Week beginning 17th June C26 final word presentations details to follow
- **21st and 24th June** - Staff days 9 and 10, school closed to students
- **Week beginning 24th June** C27 will have student teacher-led conferences, where students will share their progress in their individual subjects with you alongside their subject teachers in readiness for year 11.
- **Week beginning 24th June** C26 leavers events; details to follow
- **28th June C26** final day at school. Please also check in on the weekly WOOP shared via the website blog posts and emails by Miss Cocliff and Mrs Parker.
- **Week beginning 1st July** C30, C29 and C28 will have their final SLC of the school year in June, further details will be communicated to you in due course.
- **5th July** Sports day
- **5th July** C26 Prom
- **9th - 11th July** C31 transition days
- **10th July** C27 Doncaster College taster day
- **12th July** Our first ever XP Trust Arts Festival will be held at XP (further details to follow)
- **16th July** C27 John Leggott College taster day

Further events

- C27 1:1 next steps interviews - Starting in the Summer term and continuing into September (these will be taking place within the school day)
- Monthly Tuck shop - NFoXP keep your eyes out on the XP and XPE Parents facebook groups.

As always, if you have any questions about your son or daughter, please get in touch with your child's Crew Leader in the first instance or email general enquiries to office@xpschool.org or office@xpeast.org

Thanks

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