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CEO of XP Trust: Gwyn ap Harri

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to firstly thank you for your support. We recognise that we have high expectations of our parents as well as our students and we appreciate your attendance at our events.

We achieved so much in recent weeks with Transition Days for our C31 cohort, Fieldwork, Experts working in school, our DofE bronze final expeditions, Sports day and PoLs galore! Community meetings on a Friday have been packed with celebrations, to hear staff and students appreciate each other is absolutely beautiful.

Monday 15th July

With the success of the England Football Team making it to the final on Sunday evening, we recognise a potential late night for students, following what has been an extremely busy few weeks with Duke of Edinburgh, the later nights we have had for the arts festival, presentations of learning and dance and drama performances. Therefore, registers will remain open until 10.30am, as such, any student arriving before 10.30am will be marked as present and late marks will not be issued.

Reflections on this year

I can truly say this year has been awesome in terms of learning. Through our social media platforms, the beautiful work of our students has been shared internationally. The products and curation of learning has been remarkable, sharing our work to over 1000 visitors to the schools and seeing our curriculum impact beyond the school gates. Thanks to all those in our wider school community who have supported us with making our expeditions such high quality and supporting us to create such an impact, engagement with experts and fieldwork continue to be highlights for us.

Please catch up on the highlights of the year shared via our blogs and weekly beautiful work slides, by sharing our stories on the trust blog.

<https://xptrust.org/category/stories/>

End of term update

On Friday 19th July, we will end the school year at 1.30pm. As another year passes at XP and XP East, our schools continue to improve. We have access to many key leaders through the Trust growth and our international links continue to develop. Our work with the XP Trust of schools, wider partners and visitors has enabled our staff to produce even greater learning experiences for your children and allowed all to access an international network to work with. We will continue to work with our community, to ensure that students at XP and XP East continue to be inspired to be the best versions of themselves.

As we have moved towards email communication for key information this year, for the majority of our communication, this will remain. Please speak to the school office to update your email address if this is appropriate. In addition, please sign up to our blogs to ensure you don't miss key updates.

Walk Safe App

We have been made aware of an app that is endorsed by South Yorkshire Police called Walk Safe which enables users to pick safer routes home as well as share them with family and friends so they can monitor their safe arrival, sending automatic alerts if they fail to reach their destination. This app can be downloaded via your phone's app store.

Head Lice

We have had an incident of head lice at XPE, we are requesting that students are vigilant in checking students hair and accessing products and support from the pharmacist if you require this. Further information about treating head lice can be found on the NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Attendance and Holidays update

From the new school year, in accordance with the statutory DFE 'Working together to improve school attendance' guidance, we must issue educational penalty notices for holidays taken during term time. Further information about this can be found in this [letter](#).

Finally

One last reminder - the 2024/5 academic year begins on **Tuesday 27th August**. We are hopeful we are all able to enjoy some sunshine over the break and look forward to welcoming our community back for First Week Back Crew building activities.

Finally, I'd like to say **thank you**: thank you for all the positive comments and appreciations from our parents and wider community; thank you to our staff for going above and beyond to provide a quality first education and most importantly; thank you to each and every one of our XP and XP East students, their enthusiasm for learning, standing for social justice, cultivating diversity and belonging and

protecting their planet through the work we do each and every day is what motivates us to continue this work.

Thanks,

Mrs Clair Salter