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Tuesday 29th June 2021

Dear Parents of Year 8,

On Thursday 15th July, the school is undertaking an important subject consultation day for the students in Year 10 and Year 12 and their parents. Individual parent/student meetings will be scheduled throughout the day involving all subject teachers to allow for in-depth feedback on students' progress in their GCSE and A-Level studies. These meetings follow on from end of year examinations, which were conducted under full examination conditions, in order to provide a realistic assessment of students' current performance and therefore vital information to inform teaching, targeted academic and pastoral support in the new academic year.

To facilitate meetings with parents and students, all students in Year 8 will be taught remotely for this day. This means that all Year 8 students will study from home on Thursday 15th July. The school has planned an alternative curriculum focused on personal development and wellbeing. All Year 8 students will take part in the following:

Periods 1 and 2: Wellbeing (9:15am-12:00pm)

Students will complete a range of activities including sending a postcard to Team Great Britain competing in both the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, a Haiku challenge on wellbeing, completing a gratitude jar and finally a photo challenge on what makes them happy. These activities will be circulated to all students prior to Thursday 15th July and student engagement will be checked by their Form Tutors upon their return to school.

Periods 3 and 4: Careers (12:30pm-3:10pm)

Year 8 students will be sent a link via Teams prior to Thursday 15th July through which they can access the session. During Period 3, Mrs Jones, Careers Leader, will give students an 'Introduction to Careers' including considering what is a career and why students are learning about careers in school. Students will then learn about careers as a journey and the skills they have that make them individuals and may make them more suitable for certain careers in the future.

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During Period 4 there will be an 'Ask a Professional' session where students will be given profiles/fact files about each professional and their career to consider during the break between sessions. The theme of the session is looking at careers as a journey and finding out from the professional what skills are important for their jobs to get students thinking about their own skills and how they can develop them during their time at school.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support regarding all of the above.

Yours sincerely.

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