



The William Henry Smith School

22nd July 2021

Dear families,

I hope you are all enjoying the glorious sunshine and looking forward to a few plans over the summer break.

As I write this letter, we have just finished the Prize Giving ceremonies. Although the occasion was very different and in bubbles, the event was a huge success and it was delightful to celebrate the boys' achievements over this last year. It was particularly pleasing to see how well our younger and newer boys engaged, and their behaviour and support for their peers was outstanding. It was also great to see one of our older boys, in year 12 and studying at College, at their 7th Prize Giving event! I am really looking forward to being able to share the recordings with families hopefully over the holiday but certainly by the start of the new year. All students will have brought home their trophy and certificate, along with their Prize Giving goodies bags, school photos and a summer activity pack.

As you will be aware, in September we will resume with our new timings of the day. All Local Authority transport departments have been made aware of the new arrival and finish times and should liaise with you accordingly around new pick up times. If there are any issues families are encouraged to contact the school over summer.

We will also be continuing with the new arrangements regarding drop off and pickups from the school playground as this has been extremely beneficial in meeting and greeting the boys, families, escorts and taxi drivers, and allowing staff to connect and give an even better positive start to the day. We will be marshalling this for the first few weeks until the new system is embedded and introducing a 5 miles per hour speed limit from the zebra crossing and beyond, and a one-way system around the playground area. Vehicles will be directed to park on numbered markings on the area to ensure the safety of all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the expectation for all students (yr1-yr11) to wear school uniform. I know that families have been ever so grateful to the school for providing all that's required and understand the importance of a consistent approach to uniform. Over the past year, the school has been slightly more relaxed, yet the new academic year gives us the opportunity to revisit these standards and families are asked to contact the school should they require anything. Please note that we do have school shorts for when we have hot weather.

To those of our boys participating in outreach over the summer, the staff look forward to connecting with you, and I look forward to seeing all the boys, well rested after the holidays on Wednesday 1st September.

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Please make sure you keep Thursday 7th October free in your diaries for our 60th anniversary whole school celebration, and finer details will be with you on our return.

I thank you sincerely for your support during the last academic year, and when it comes wish you and your family a warm and sunny summer.

Best wishes

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