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Dear parents/carers

We welcomed back our students, refreshed after the half term holidays. In my virtual assembly, I discussed the importance of making the most of the next six weeks as we approach the summer holidays. The students will take their end of year tests in a number of subject areas this term. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they can remember, what they know and how knowledge and skills can be applied to different contexts. The results from these tests will help students and teachers gauge what the students have learned this year and more importantly, where they have gaps in their knowledge which will then need to be revisited and worked on next year.

Unfortunately, we had to delay the return of our Year 8 students due to a single case of Covid 19. Environmental Health made the decision to extend the isolation to 14 days as the case was confirmed as the Delta variant. As there has been a number of cases in certain areas of the community over the half term, Environmental Health then decided to test all our Year 8 students at home. Fortunately, no more cases were identified amongst our students. We are pleased that the Year 8 students have returned to us today.

ROA Year 11

One of the highlights of our school year is Year 11's Record of Achievement Ceremony. We were unable to hold the event last year due to being in lockdown. This year we are delighted to be able to celebrate Year 11's achievements in a different, yet equally wonderful way. Unlike previous years, this year all students will be attending school. Year 11 will partake in the online ceremony whilst younger years watch the event and undertake PSE activities based on one of our school values - Ambition. Year 12 students will have a UCAS preparation session with their tutors. To accommodate the events, we have slightly modified our school day (notably period 4 and lunchtime). You can see the timings and information for Year 11 students [here](#). All activities are compliant with Covid restrictions and have been risk assessed. Please note - we are unable to welcome parents and friends on site to watch the event and take photos this year due to the Covid restrictions: we appreciate your support.

Final Farewells Year 13

After seven years as part of the St. Julian's community, we finally say goodbye to Year 13 on the afternoon of Friday 25th June 2021. During the ceremony we will look back at the students' time at the school and celebrate their achievements. Further information regarding the arrangements will follow from the Post 16 Team next week.

Online Tutor Evening

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended our online tutor evening this week. As I have mentioned before, this will be our approach to all progress evenings and engagement events next year. To help us understand parents' views and improve these events, please can all parents in Year7, Year8, Year 10 and the LDC complete [this survey](#). If you were unable to attend, we still want to hear your views; this will help us plan for and assist with our next engagement evening.

National Tests

As you are aware, all students in Years 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will be sitting their National Tests in reading and numeracy between 14th June and 2nd July 2021. These will be completed during their ICT lessons. Please can you check that your child (ren) has their HWB account login details in preparation for their tests. The feedback from the tests will be shared by the end of term.

Yours faithfully



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