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The summer term begins

As we welcome everyone back to the summer term, the examinations and events are upon us immediately. In these final few weeks before the GCSE, AS and A2 written papers, we encourage all students to continue to work with their teachers and to seek whatever support they feel that they need. We are also very happy to continue to liaise with parents and urge you to contact us if you feel that we can help at this important stage.

Lunchtime arrangements

- The first week of our cashless catering has gone very well. Details of ParentPay and the new servery will follow next week.
- Parents are reminded that in order for their children to go **home** for lunch, they need to have given **written permission** and supplied a passport sized photograph. (We can use our copy of your child's school photograph if you consent to it.) Students are then issued with their official passes which they need to show to senior staff at the gate each lunchtime. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us to ensure your children's safety.

Uniform

Thank you for your continuing support enabling us to maintain our high standards. **We continue to ban all stretch skirts and others which are unacceptably short for school and to expect skirts to be worn with black, navy or grey tights.**

Dates for next week

- **The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition**
This departs on **Saturday**, returning on Sunday. Those students involved have full details.
- **St Edmundsbury Cathedral**
Our students are participating in the **Eucharist Service at 10 am on Sunday** and all are welcome to join us in the congregation.

- **Sixth Form Recital Evening**

Some of our senior musicians will provide an excellent evening's entertainment in the **studio theatre on Thursday at 7 pm.**

Dates for this term

We continue to update our **online calendar** and, in some cases, the dates have changed to accommodate visiting examiners. A full list of **this term's evening events**, to which all parents are warmly invited, will be published next week.

Year Group News

Year 9

- All year nine parents should have received today, via their children, a letter about **BCG vaccinations**. Please send the reply slip back, via reception.

Year 10

- The second **Geography** field trip takes place on Tuesday of next week.
- All year ten parents should have received a letter through the post about the **parents' evening** to be held on **Wednesday 5th May**. Reply slips should be handed in to reception by **Monday (26/4)**.

Year 11

- The GCSE Drama examinations will take place on **Wednesday and Thursday** of next week.
- The **GCSE French and German speaking examinations** will take place from **Monday 26 April to 6 May** with the following teachers:

<i>French</i>	<i>German</i>
Mrs Duverne (26+28/4)	Mr Snaith (4+5/5)
Mr Taecke (26/27+30/4)	Mr Goodchild (4+5/5)
Mr Staples (27+28/4)	Mr Staples (5+6/5)
Mr Goodchild (28+29/4)	

Exact timings will be displayed in the MFL corridor.
- GCSE History revision sessions start in H2 at 1.20 pm on Wednesday. The first sessions will be on the Section A topic.

Year 12

Our annual **Higher Education Evening** takes place on **Thursday 6th May at 7 pm** in the school hall. Whilst all parents are welcome, the evening is principally aimed at those parents who have no recent experience of a child applying to Higher Education and provides an introduction to the process. We shall, of course, continue to work with every

individual family to help each student in year twelve make the right choices for the future after leaving us.

Fixtures

27.04.10 U16 mixed hockey v Thurston (a)

29.04.10 Western Area Football Finals (a)

U19 rounders v Newmarket/Great Cornard (a)

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2010

We are pleased to publish this term's list of regular clubs and activities. Members of staff give freely and generously of their time to ensure that there is a huge range and depth of activity on offer and we encourage every student to consider at least one extra curricular activity.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Wind Quintet	Open Girls' Basketball (Sports Hall) Yr 9 Tennis Club (Courts) DT Club (D2) Animal Club (H1) Extra Maths Time (29) Christian Union (18) History Film Club (H3) Chamber Choir	Open Athletics Club (Field) Open Tennis Club (Courts) Fixtures Academy Basketball (Gym) Creative Writing (13) Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Spanish (intermediate) (24) Funk Band
Tuesday	Clarinet Choir Flute Ensemble	Open Girls' Cricket (Sports Hall) Yr 9 Futsal (Astro) Yr 10 Tennis Club (Courts) Spanish (beginners) (24) Full Orchestra Open Art	Open Athletics Club (Field) Yr 9 Rounders Club (Field) Yr 10 Rounders Club (Field) Fixtures Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Drum Club
Wednesday	Running Club Japanese Pop Choir (all years)	Open Girls' Basketball (Sports Hall) Yr 10 Tennis Tournament (Courts) Computer Graphics (D11) Japanese (24) String Orchestra Guitar group (all abilities)	Open Netball Club (Sports Hall) Yoga (Gym) Open Tennis Club (Courts) Fixtures Academy Basketball (Gym) Japanese (24) Science Club (C1) Chess Club (Conf. Room) Swing Band
Thursday	Open Cricket Nets Japanese Girls' Choir Barbershop	Yr 9 Korfbal Tournament (Sports Hall) Open Girls' Football (Astro) Yr 9 Tennis Tournament (Courts) Japanese (24) Wind Band Open Art	Yr10/Y11 Rounders Club (Field) Power Kiting Club (Field) Fixtures Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Drama Club Japanese (24) Drum Club
Friday	Open Cricket Nets Theory Class Crescendos	Open Cricket Club (Sports Hall) Open Tennis Club (Courts) Chamber Orchestra Sax Group	Academy Basketball (Gym) Dixie Band Debating

The **Arts Award** and **Engineering Education** scheme will also continue as well as **one-off activities and trips**.