

Our ref: RHO/EFO
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Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, I would like to thank you for a great start to the year, and share some, but not all of the amazing events that students have been involved with thus far:

- Year 11 PPE Exams
- Harry Potter Studio Trip
- Science consultation evening for Parents
- Year 7 Tutor Evening
- Blood Brothers Drama production
- Boys and Girls Football Fixtures
- Bawdsey Prefect Camp
- Geography Field Work Trips
- History Framlingham Castle Visit
- Career Fair
- Library Opening
- Charity Fundraising
- Year 6 Open Evening

I know there have been many more wonderful opportunities in addition to those mentioned above both in and out of the classroom.

Behaviour

I hope you are incredibly proud of your children; our behaviour data clearly demonstrates that nearly 95% of our students have got it right each and **every lesson** this half term. This represents excellent behaviour in 210 lessons, which is outstanding. The school can only do so much however, and your support as parents is invaluable in ensuring 100% of our students get it right moving forwards.

Uniform

As we enter the winter months, please ensure students have an appropriate coat to keep warm, which should not be a hoodie. In school, students should be wearing their blazers, whilst the school jumper is optional. Alternative hoodies and jumpers are not a viable substitute. With regards to jewellery, ear-studs (not hoops) are allowed, and nose piercings should have a clear plastic retainer in. We are very proud of how well presented our students look and thank you for your continuing support in this matter. As always, should you or your children have any issues over uniform, please let us know so we can do our best to help.

Social Media Influences

Whether it stems from TikTok, or other forms of social media, inappropriate crazes occasionally sweep across schools and social spaces. We have become aware of a new 'game' called '**The Arena**'. This 'game' consists of children making a ring round two contestants while they fight until

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told to stop. Although the rules of the 'game' are 'body shots only,' this is both unsuitable and dangerous in nature. Please be under no illusion that any students found to be taking part in, or encouraging this 'game' will face serious consequences.

As a parent myself, I felt it important to inform you of this latest craze so parents and carers can take appropriate measures to safeguard their children outside of school. Should you become aware of your child being involved in this craze, we encourage you to speak with them, and contact the school as soon as possible. I hope that our proactive approach of informing all parents as soon as possible, will stop this becoming an issue within our community as it has done within other communities across the country. As it currently stands, this has involved a very small minority of our students, and we have spoken with the parents of these students.

Looking ahead, I wish our staff and students a relaxing half-term break, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 31 October.

Yours sincerely

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