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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have flown by, particularly with the 4-day weeks, and we are now approaching half term.

Year 11 exams are in full swing and our students are conducting themselves in an exemplary way in the exam hall. The official Leaving assembly will be held on **Tuesday 20 June at 2pm** in the school hall. Students will not be required in school on this day until **1:45pm** when they will arrive via main reception and make their way straight to the main hall. Uniform is not required but students should dress smartly for a formal occasion. Eligible students that wish to attend the prom should have paid their monies by today, Friday 26th May though Mrs Surridge is planning to re-open bookings online and allow an extra week for payment due to the early finish on Thursday this week.

Student Leaders

Our Head boy and girl interviews have been taking place this week and we are delighted to announce the names of our new student leaders. Our new Head boy will be Vadim Zbierzak supported by Deputy Head boy, Thomas Hamilton, and our new Head girl will be Emily Wright supported by Deputy Head girl, Charley Kibblewaite. We wish to congratulate all the students who received an invitation to apply due to their exemplary behaviour and demonstration of our character values and virtues and those who secured an interview; there will be opportunities for further leadership positions, including prefects shortly. We also wish to thank our outgoing Head girl, Heidi Gosden, Deputy Head girl, Kasey De Boer, Head boy, Liam Cox and Deputy Head boy, Zaneer Kanji, for their hard work and commitment to the role this year.

The Dorcan Values

You may have witnessed or seen on social media recent video footage of a fight involving Dorcan students, on the way home from school. We wish to assure you that The Dorcan Academy does **not** condone such serious misbehaviour and treats incidences of physical violence extremely seriously; regardless of whether they have happened on or off the premises. (It is very rare that such events happen in school whilst under supervision). At Dorcan we teach students to **Be Kind, Show Respect** and **Do your Best** and this behaviour goes totally against our values. We teach students to have the courage to stand out from the crowd and to stand up for what is right, so we are extremely disappointed that a small minority of our students have chosen to behave in such a way. All those involved, including those who spectated without making any attempt to help or seek help, and those who, quite despicably, filmed the event and posted it on social media, have brought our school into disrepute and they have been sanctioned accordingly. We would value your support in teaching your children that violence is not the way to deal with conflict and is not what educated people in a civilised society do.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Our Year 9 Bronze Qualifying Expedition is fast approaching, Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th June. The final training sessions will take place on Monday 5th June and Monday 12th June 3-4pm. Current year 8 students will have the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award in term 6. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain a prestigious award that employers recognise as well as developing skills that will support students in the world of work, the world and their wellbeing. Please encourage your child to get involved. More details will follow.

Uniform

Please make sure your child doesn't do anything over the holiday that contravenes our uniform policy and will mean that they are unable to attend lessons on their return; particularly false nails, piercings that can't be removed, un-natural hair colourings or extreme haircuts, tramlines or shaved or part shaved heads (skin fades).

House points totals are as follows:

House	Eagle	Falcon	Kingfisher	Osprey
Total	77315	64150	76322	89877
Average per student	375.3	373.0	370.5	423.9

Please look out for our newsletter which is full of Good News from the term. We wish you a safe and relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing everyone again on **Monday 5th June** which is A week.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Bareham
Headteacher