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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well and that you are enjoying the recent good weather.

Racing to victory with Hummingbird

Last weekend our Hummingbird Team went to RMB Chivenor to race our school engineered and driven race car. Yet again our team were astonishingly good. They finished first in their initial race and 4th in their second race. An amazing achievement especially given how consistent they are each time they compete. So many of our students have enjoyed the experience over the years and I am delighted to report that the team goes from strength to strength with our wonderful Hummingbird staff team. Our parents are so supportive of Hummingbird and I should like to thank everyone for their encouragement and enthusiasm. Well done Team Hummingbird.

Year groups moving up through the school

Before the summer break, we will be moving our year groups up a year in readiness for the start of the new academic year in September. This means that year 9 will start working with their new head of year for year 10 and year 7 will start working with their new head of year for year 8. Year 7 will also be joined by their new tutor who will then see them through until the end of year 11. All other tutor groups will stay with their tutor (unless colleagues are moving on into new roles) and staying with their head of year. There will be further information about this after half term and students will be given full details in school well in advance of any changes.

Student safety

The roadworks outside of school continue which means that traffic is often very congested around the school gates. The gate opening onto Alton Road is always open at the end of school, and parents may like to repeat the message we give to students that this exit is a good alternative to the main gates. In addition, I would like to remind our community that our front carpark is not a safe location for vehicles turning and would ask that parents avoid St Lawrence Road whilst the road works continue.

Food service

There was a great first week at the breakfast club for the examination students in the refectory. This is a reminder that the breakfast club is open to all students

Breakfast club options include:

Cereals - different milk options available to go with the cereals

Toast

Bacon Baps

Fruit Pots

I would be grateful if parents of year 11 and 13 students would clear any outstanding arrears on Parent pay. Many thanks.

Uniform

This is a reminder that uniform expectations for year 11 are the same throughout the examination period as any other time of the year. Year 11 are welcome to wear their 'end of year 11' hoodies to school if they wish, but they must wear the correct school skirt/trousers, shirt shoes etc.

School rules permit one piercing in each ear, but no other jewellery. Years 7, 8 and 9 are reminded that the blazer is a compulsory uniform item whilst their jumper is optional. Year 10 and 11 can choose to wear their jumper and/or blazer. I thank you in advance for your support as we make our way through the final term.

Best wishes,



Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.