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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that our students and their families have been enjoying the very pleasant weather this weekend.

Last Week

Thank you again for your understanding regarding our unexpected closure last Wednesday as we moved both student learning and our Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening on-line. It shows just how much has changed since March 2020 that something which would have seemed impossible two years ago was able to be done at such short notice, and it says a lot about the impressive adaptability of students, teachers and parents.

This Week

Although this half-term has only been 5 weeks long, it has been very busy and this final week of term is no exception:

School Production: Good luck to all the students involved in this week's performances on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening. Please note that tickets are still available via the online payment system, Scopay, on our website or by contacting the Finance Department via finance@helsbyhigh.org.

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening: This on-line event will take place on Wednesday evening, giving Year 11 students and parents the opportunity to discuss preparation for this summer's examinations in more detail following collection of their PPE2 predicted grades at today's 'Mock Results Day' event.

Non-Uniform Day: Just a reminder that this Friday will be a non-uniform day. There will be a collection of a £1 donation on the day as students enter school, with the money raised going towards UNICEF's work supporting refugees from Ukraine. There is an option on Scopay for donations if parents wish to pay online.

Lunchtimes

As well as enjoying the sunny spring weather last week, students also enjoyed having full use of the Dining Hall again for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Seeing students accessing the full range of hot and cold food on offer marked another very positive step out of the restrictions that have been in place over the last two years.

Parents may also be aware that we have recently been locking the main student toilets during lessons in order to encourage student punctuality to lessons. Please be assured that the toilets are fully open at break, lunchtime and at the start and end of the school day and that there are toilet facilities available for student use if necessary during lesson-times.

Spring Break Household Support Fund

With the Spring Break fast approaching, the Local Authority is again using the government's Household Support Fund funding to support students in receipt of Free School Meals to access food during the school holidays. Tesco e-vouchers will once again be distributed via e-mail to parents (£35 per eligible child per week). The first week's vouchers will be e-mailed on Saturday 2nd April and the second week's on Saturday 9th April.

Summer Term

Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening: Please note that this rearranged event will take place on Thursday 12th May, with further details to follow after the Spring Break.

Summer Examination Invigilators: Alongside Year 11 and 13 students working very hard to prepare for their GCSE, A-Level and Vocational examinations, arrangements are being put into place to hold the school's first summer exam season since 2019. We are currently very keen to recruit as many invigilators as possible to allow us to manage what is likely to be a complicated 6-week period (which runs from 16th May to 27th June). If any parents would like to support our students in this capacity, and/or know anybody else who may like to, then please either see [Non-Teaching Vacancies - Helsby High School](#) or contact Leanne Turner, our HR Manager (via lturner@helsbyhigh.org or 01928-728344) for further details.

Best wishes,

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