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Principal Letter (32)

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Dear parents/carers,

We have now started on the home straight of this academic year but as always this is a very busy half-term with lots of exciting opportunities and experiences for students to make the most of. Unusually we had a bank holiday and break with glorious weather and then returned to some very unsettled weather. This was not helped by a significant issue with our internet and I want to thank you all for your patience as we have got all our systems and communications back to normal.

Yesterday we had the governing body in school, visiting lessons, speaking to students and staff. It was a really useful opportunity for us to reflect on the successes we have had so far this academic year and consider our priorities for next year. On this note we will be sharing a parent survey with you in the next few weeks to share your views and I would really appreciate it if you could complete this as it is important that everyone has a say in how we can make our school excellent.

Finally, some advance notice around our process with uniform. We have been very pleased with the improvements this academic year in how smart and professional our students look. To continue this work, from the 15th June, students will no longer be issued with red slips for uniform concerns. We believe that the most effective way to resolve uniform issues is through direct communication between home and school. If there is a reason why your child is unable to meet our uniform expectations on a particular day, we ask that a parent or carer contact us in advance by emailing uniform@bassingbournvc.org. The same email address should be used if you require any support with purchasing or accessing uniform, as we are committed to working with families to ensure all students can meet our expectations.

Our uniform standards remain unchanged and are an important part of our school culture, helping to promote equality, belonging, and readiness to learn. Students who arrive at school not meeting our uniform expectations, without prior communication from home, will receive a 15-minute lunchtime detention. Where uniform concerns become persistent, Achievement Leaders will arrange a meeting with parents or carers so that we can work together to identify and address any barriers. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards for all students.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ian Stoneham
Principal

Key dates next half - term:

- 10th and 11th June – Year 9 Parents Evening
- **1st July – Staff training day (school closed to students)**
- 9th and 10th July – Sports Day
- 17th July (1pm) – Term ends