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Principal Letter (35)

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Dear parents/carers,

I looked back on my letter to you this time last week and I had commented then on the warmer weather we had experienced. How little I knew! This week has seen something quite unprecedented, particularly in June, and the staff and students have shown remarkable resilience in dealing with these very difficult circumstances. I know some of you attended the College as students yourselves, and I had some messages commenting on how warm you remember the building to be at times. When the College was built in 1954 it was done so with the express intention of keeping heat in. Clearly we live in very different times now and that architectural success has counted against us this week. Thank you all for your patience and support whilst we have tried to remain open and when we had to take the very difficult decision to close to most students today. We will now reflect on how best to communicate and respond in similar circumstances in the future as the sad reality appears this is a new normal we are all going to need to adjust to.

In spite of the number of events and disruption we faced due to the extreme heat this week we were still able to successfully complete our first in school transition event for a small group of Year 6 students. It is always a great moment when we start to get ready for a new year group and there was some really positive feedback from these students and their parents about how welcoming the community was on Thursday morning.

Next week we will return to normal and look to re-establish those positive habits and routines we have been working so hard on this year. As such, the summer uniform policy will be in effect from Monday. This means students are expected to be in normal uniform but do not need to wear a tie or blazer. I appreciate your support in advance of ensuring PE kit and other non uniform items are not worn next week. As ever, we will keep this under review with the potential of another much warmer spell before the end of term.

Finally, please can I remind you there will be no school for students on Wednesday (1st July) next week. This is due to the last of our planned staff training days for the year which is an opportunity to start in earnest the work to prepare the College for a flying start next academic year.

I hope you are able to stay cool over the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Stoneham

Principal

Key dates next half - term:

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