

Boarding Newsletter, Summer end of term

Tim Allen, Director of Boarding and Tennis

Dear Parents and Boarders,

As we reach the end of the first half of the summer term we reflect on the resilience and courage shown by our boarding community.

The Year 11s and 13s have started their exam season with a great sense of determination during prep, the booster sessions in school and the past two weeks in sitting their exams. It is always a stressful time, but I have been really impressed just how hard they have all been working in preparation and valuably supported by the Boarding teams in both Macmillan and Lisbury.

To have several day pupils in Year 13 come and join boarding to help them prepare for their exams just highlights the value that boarding offers and gives much needed structure and purpose to studying.

A big shout out to Ben Brown, Year 10 in Lisbury for sitting his GCSE Latin exam a year early! Great to see Ben independently choosing to do the course and giving up his free time to study for what I believe to be a tough exam.

Trips and activities continue to be a real strength in boarding and with staff from both houses working together. To be able to offer two trip options every weekend is amazing, as a school we see real value in keeping boarders active and engaged and trips play a huge part in that.

I personally loved being part of the trip to Dorset waterpark last weekend and see the boarders have so much fun and enjoyment. The trip to watch Southampton v Liverpool on a school night was a real treat for our boarders and despite the late return it was great to see no issues in school the next day.

Our community projects programme continues to grow, and it's been great to see our boarders out in the community working and giving something back every Thursday afternoon. Mr Hall and Mrs Sanger will continue to drive this programme forward and work with the local community as much as possible. Please do share any local projects that we could potentially help with?



Trips and activities to look forward for after half term include:

Beach trip to Weymouth

England v the Barbarians at Twickenham

Fish & Chips at Lyme Regis

Shopping trip and Ice Skating in Bristol

Virtual gaming in Taunton

End of term BBQ

Year 11 Prom

Year 13 Prom

Year 11 Leavers Dinner

Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Boarding activities day

Friday evening golf



Finally, a few reminders:

Boarding re-opens on the 5th June, all boarders should return between 6pm and 9pm,

We host our second boarding open day on the 11th June and look forward to welcoming many more prospective families.

I look forward to sharing updates on all things boarding for September in the coming weeks and wish you all a restful and fun filled half term break.