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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I just want to say well done and I hope the exams are going well for our Year 11 and 13's. It was great to see so many students at the Year 13 Prom before ½ term and we are gearing up for all the other events and activities we can now return to.

Jubilee Bake Sale



We have had a lovely week of Jubilee celebrations that have included bake sales and our non-uniform day so please pass on my thanks to students for baking (and my thanks to you if you helped/actually did the baking).

The atmosphere was wonderful and the proceeds from the bake sale went to the NHS and our non-uniform day to our Hardship Fund.

Year 11 into 12 Taster Day 30th June

It was great to invite our Year 11's into the new building this week so they could look around and hear about our plans for September. We have a Year 12 Taster Day where students will be able to try the

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lessons they have chosen, use the new building and ask any questions. More details have been sent today in an email.

Sports Day

I was so proud of all our students yesterday. It was wonderful to have Sports Day again where we had a balance of inclusive and competitive sports, where everyone took part and we came together as a whole school community.



There were some exceptional performances from our talented athletes but I was most proud of how all our students participated, giving their very best efforts even if they were not the fastest on the track. These students showed such resilience and participation (two of our Character values) and did themselves such credit with their effort and perseverance.

I am so very proud of every student in Years 7, 8 and 9 who took part.

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We recognise that PE in general and Sports Day in particular can be a difficult day for some of our students. In order to make sure everyone was involved in some way today we held a mini sports day with some of our students and staff. All sorts of items were on the agenda; timed hula hooping, tennis rallying, the bean bag toss and many others. At the end of the day, all students joined in and watched the main events from a distance they were happy with. All students and staff involved enjoyed their day and it was lovely to see everyone able to participate in something they felt comfortable with.

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Work Experience

We are very proud of our Year 10 students who have taken part in work experience this week, mainly in the local community. This is a great opportunity for our students to experience the world of work and to think about their future careers.



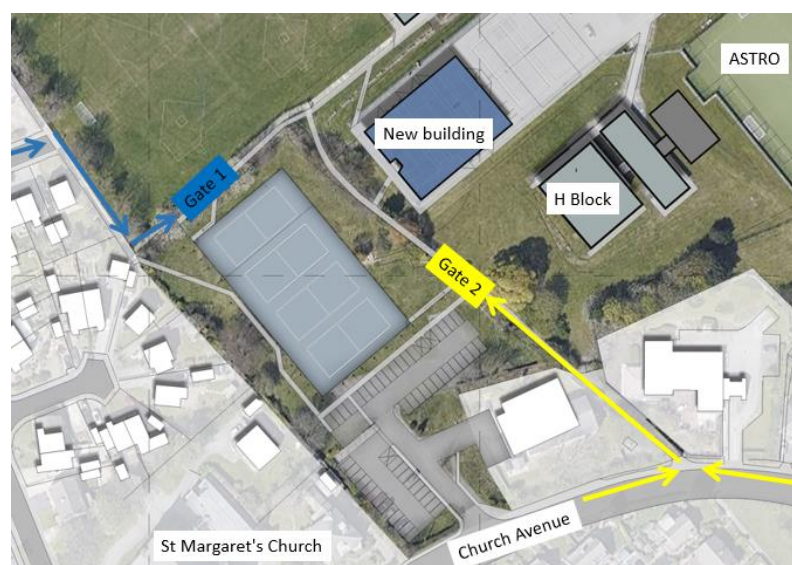
Safety and Wellbeing Week

Next week is Safety and Wellbeing Week for all students in Years 7 to 10. We're covering everything from online safety to road safety and safeguarding to physical and mental health advice. Plus there will be mindfulness sessions to set our students up for the day, ready to absorb all the important information.

Entrance and Exit to Rear of School

Now we have the new building and an additional gate at the back of school we will be opening 2 gates from Monday. This is to reduce the number of students having to come through the single gate, make getting into school a bit quicker and easier and to reduce congestion for residents.

For students in Years 8 and 10 entering through the **rear of the school** they must enter through the nearest gate. We will open 2 gates (diagram below).



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Any students coming from the blue arrow direction should only use Gate 1 and anyone coming from Church Avenue (yellow arrows) must use Gate 2.

A member of staff will be there to support students if they are unsure. Thank you for your support with this.

Library Funding

We have an opportunity to secure funding for our library (new books!) so if you have 5 minutes and are willing to nominate us please click here:

<https://newsletters.booktokens.co.uk/q/1429I5NMe1BdJxbGikoH6/wv>

It was amazing to be able to run Sports Day again. Two years of COVID have put a pause on many things but seeing all the students and teachers all taking part and having a great time was wonderful. I am looking forward to Year 11 Prom, our rewards day activities and all the trips and visits we are now able to run again this term!

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher