



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR/JDN

8 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term, I would like to make you aware of some key events coming up.

19 July - Covid Protocols

As you will be aware, from 19 July the government is planning a national relaxation of covid protocols. With your support, we have managed local and national increasing infection rates very well in school, with very low levels of positive tests of our students and staff. We feel this is very much due to the strict regimes we have operated throughout the pandemic including the continued wearing of face coverings after the government informed schools they no longer needed to do so. Consequently, we will be continuing all our usual protocols including wearing face coverings up until the end of term.

Eid al-Adha

Many of you will be aware, that the Muslim holy day of Eid al-Adha is expected to fall on Tuesday 20 July this year. We are aware many families will wish to observe this day together, and so request this day off school for their child. If you wish to take up this provision, please complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3Lh7Rh96fa>

Please note, in line with government legislation, to be eligible to apply for this one day off school, the child's parents must observe the Muslim faith.

Prize Giving

On Wednesday 21 July, we will be holding our annual Prize Giving ceremonies for all year groups currently in school. For your information at this stage, our Senior Prize Giving, for current year 11 and 13 students, will be held at Dewsbury Town Hall on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

Sports Day

On Thursday 22 July, we will be holding our annual Sports Day/House Athletics competition, at the Princess Mary Athletic track. This event is for competitors only, who have already been informed by separate communication.

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Last Day Of Term

Friday 23 July is our last day of term and will see the announcement of the winners of the House competition, and the awarding of the Lees Cup, during a final assembly. As has become custom, we will then have an early finish for students who will be dismissed at approximately 12.15pm.

Entrance Exam – School Closure

Whilst a long time off, can I also take the opportunity to inform you that we will close school to students at 2.15pm on Friday 10 September. This is necessary to allow us to set the school up and brief our staff, who will act as invigilators, for the entrance exam on Monday 13 September, which will be a full closure day. My apologies for the inconvenience caused with this, but I'm sure you will appreciate, with over 1000 students sitting the exam, it takes a lot of careful planning and management.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Peter Roberts
Headteacher