



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Next week is a particularly busy week in the school calendar. Our Open Evenings for children in Year 5 wishing to join the school in September 2024 and who are considering registering for the Entrance Exam will be taking place on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 June. We will also be taking part in charity events to raise money for the Great Get Together charity which was set up following the death of our former Head Girl, Jo Cox.

This letter is intended to give you information about these events.

Open Evenings - Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 June

In order for us to prepare for the Open Evenings, school will close at 2.25pm on both days. If your child travels to and from school by bus or has travel arrangements which cannot be changed, they will be able to wait in the Library. Exams for students in Years, 9, 10 and 12 will be unaffected and students will be expected to attend these, as per their exam timetable.

We have asked students to volunteer as helpers on the Open Evenings, either as tour guides or assisting in subject departments. We are very grateful for this support and ask that you sign a consent form to be returned to school. If your child needs to remain in school prior to the Open Evenings, the Library will be available for them. An evening meal can be provided for students from 4.00-4.30, but students must let their form tutor know by Monday 19 June if they wish to take advantage of this.

The Great Get Together - Thursday 22 June

The following activities are planned to raise money for the Great Get Together:

The day will be a non-uniform for Years 7 -10 or formal dress day for Year 12. A contribution of £1 is requested for the privilege and can be paid through ParentPay or cash on the day. A Form Fayre will be organised by students to run small activities in their form rooms, such as quizzes, puzzles, sales, etc. In the past students have been very resourceful with these activities.

If students wish to bring in home-made or packaged bakes or food to sell, we must be able to guarantee that the items for sale are compliant with Natasha's Law, as follows: All ingredients of any home or packaged bakes must be listed, with allergens given. A statement must be visible stating 'we cannot guarantee that these items have been produced in an entirely nut

free environment'. If one or both of these statements cannot be provided, the items must not be put on sale.

At lunchtime, students will be able to purchase a picnic, and ice creams will be on sale in outside social areas (please bring cash for this).

Training Day - Friday 23 June

Friday 23 June is a training day for staff therefore school will be closed to students.

We are very grateful to you for your ongoing and continued support in these matters.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Barnett

Assistant Headteacher