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To: Parents/Carers of all students at
Foxford School and Community Arts
College

Wednesday, 05 April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to remind you of the end of term, start of the summer term arrangements.

The school will close for the Easter Holiday on Friday, 07 April 2017 at the normal time of 3.05pm. This will be a non-uniform fund raising day in aid of our partner school Nateete in Kampala. We ask that students donate £1.00 in order to wear their own clothes on that day. Alternatively students may come to school as normal in their uniform.

The summer term arrangements are as follows:

- Monday, 24 April 2017: Moderation Day. A normal day for year 11 students. Other years should not attend unless asked to do so.
- Tuesday, 25 April 2017: all students return to school at 8.50am
- Monday, 01 May, 2017: May Day Bank Holiday, school closed
- Week starting Monday, 29 May 2017: School closed for half term
- Monday, 26 June 2017: INSET day, school closed
- Friday, 21 July 2017: Last day of the summer term – school closes for students at 1.30pm.

Exam Season

Year 9 students will be involved in the end of Key Stage 3 tests during May and June during normal lessons.

External exams for Years 11, 12 and 13 will commence on Monday, 15 May 2017.

Each student will have an individual examination timetable. Students in year 11, 12 and 13 will receive with this letter, details of the revision sessions they need to attend during the Easter break. These have been arranged in order to ensure the best possible outcome for your child in their upcoming GCSE exams. I hope you will encourage your child to attend all the sessions they are invited to.

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Free School Meals

I wish to urge all families who might meet the free school meals criteria to apply. Not only would it entitle your child to a free school dinner but also elements of our school budget are based on the number of students on our roll who are eligible for free school meals. The more students who are registered, the greater our budget will be. Parents whose joint income is less than £16,190 will qualify. An application form is enclosed, if you are eligible, please complete the form and return it to Foxford School. If you have any queries, please contact the school office on the telephone number provided at the end of this letter.

Foxford Family Fun Day

Our sixth exciting Foxford Family Fun Day will be happening on Saturday, 20 May, 11.00am – 2.00pm. You will find further details in our spring newsletter. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Caputo at the school.

Electronic Contact with parents

It is increasingly more efficient to communicate with parents electronically. Please will you therefore ensure your contact details are kept up to date with us. It is important we have your email address if we do not already. If your email address or your mobile phone number changes please ensure you let us know.

Uniform

Please will you ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of next term. Blazers and ties must be worn to school on all days. When the weather warrants it teachers will allow children to remove their blazers in lessons. They should also come to school with equipment needed for their lessons – pens, pencils and their planners as a minimum and then what is needed for specific lessons as required (eg PE kit, food for technology lessons etc).

Food and drink in school

I would like to remind you that energy and carbonated drinks are not allowed in school and will be confiscated. All parents can access Parent Pay in order to monitor what their children are purchasing from the school diner each day – or spending their free school meal allocation on. If you no longer have your log-in details please contact the school.

A number of students seem to be spending their dinner money on packets of biscuits and large packets of crisps on the way to school rather than on food produced at school. This is probably quite unbeknown to parents. I ask therefore that you monitor this situation.

As reminded in my previous newsletters please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor/Director of Learning if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education. If you do not get a response within 24 hours please contact Ms Kenny, PA to Mrs Beestone, Deputy Head Teacher who will accelerate the matter.

End of term information

We say farewell and thank you to Mr Blower who is moving to a school in Warwickshire and Ms Van Decorput who moves to another city school at the end of this week.

For the summer term Ms Graham will be Director of years 7 and 8 supported by Ms Fitzgerald as Assistant Director.

In addition I would like to say a big thank you and fond farewell to Mr O'Gara who has been our senior site services officer for the past 40 years giving an unstinted service to the school community. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

I am enclosing our spring newsletter with this letter highlighting events that have taken place this term.

May I wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday.

Overleaf you will find a calendar with key events for the summer term.

Yours sincerely,



Ms R Williamson
Head Teacher

SUMMER TERM 2017

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	24 April	All day	Moderation Day – only students invited to attend should be in school
Tuesday	25 April	8.50 am	School opens for all students
Wednesday	26 April	All day	Year 12 students attending the UCAS convention at Loughborough University
Monday	01 May	All day	School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday
Sunday, 14 May – Thursday, 18 May			Year 9 to Dol-y-Moch
Monday, 15 May – Tuesday, 27 June			Summer Exam Season
Thursday	18 May	6:00pm	Year 10 parents evening
Saturday	20 May	11:00am – 2:00pm	Foxford Community Funday
Friday	26 May		Year 13 study leave begins
Monday	29 May	All week	School closed for Half Term Holiday
Thursday	08 June	All day	Progress Review Day – Years 7, 8, 9,10 and 12
Tuesday	20 June	All day	Learning Enrichment Day
Wednesday	21 June	All day	Learning Enrichment Day
Monday	26 June	All day	INSET Day – school closed to students
Wednesday	28 June	6.30pm	Year 11 Prom
Monday 03 July – Wednesday 05 July			Year 11 into Post 16 induction
Tuesday	04 July	6:00pm	Celebration evening
Wednesday	05 July	All day	New Intake Day
Friday	07 July	6:30pm	Year 13 Prom
Monday 10 July – Thursday 13 July			Year 12 visit to Aberystwyth
Thursday 13 July – Sunday 24 July			Year 10 and year 11 Kampala Visit
Wednesday	19 July		Sports Day
Friday	21 July		Last day of the Summer Term – school closes for students at 1.30pm following whole school assembly