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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy but very successful half term, the weather has at last decided to be kind to us! Hopefully we can all enjoy a very sunny and relaxed Bank Holiday weekend!

This half term has seen a great deal of focused work, particularly in year 11. Despite the many challenges our boys have had to endure over the last year, the year 11s have successfully navigated GCSE, Functional Skills and BTEC work; including where needed sitting exams and tests. They have surpassed our predictions given the disruption of the last 18 months and should feel rightly proud of all they have achieved. As their time at Cornfield comes to a close, over the next 3 weeks, they will be supported with transition and travel plans for college, independence skills and Work related learning, completing outstanding college qualifications.

The school is currently oversubscribed with a waiting list for placements. Some new students will join us throughout the summer term in readiness for full transition in September. Therefore, some groups may 'move up' early, later this term. Tutors will keep you updated on next phase for your son.

As there are still restrictions in place and the Government has yet to decide what comes next after 21st June, regrettably we will not be running our usual end of summer BBQ and parents evening. We hope to have more news on face-to-face meetings again from September, government guidelines allowing. However, that does not stop you from contacting us regarding your son's progress. All annual reviews for yr5-10 are scheduled for the second half of this term, please join us on Microsoft TEAMS to ensure you speak to tutors; our IT team will be happy to support you with any IT issues.

Thank you for ensuring that your son continues to wear facemasks appropriately, we will continue the same protocols after half term. The 7-day test pilot the school has engaged in has been going very well. Students and staff continue to have LF tests twice a week; this will also continue after half term. If we could ask you to conduct home tests again over the break, that will assist our pilot study as well as ensure all members of our community are virus free. Your son will bring a 7-test pack home with him. If your son or any immediate family he lives with test positive, we do have PCR follow up tests in school. Please do not hesitate to request one as this will be quicker than a postal one.

Over the half term, any students that are in receipt of free school meals should receive a voucher. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you experience any problems with these.

Thank you for engaging with the new communication system School Ping. We have 96% of our school community actively accessing news, schedules, photos and exchanging reports/good news with tutors. Let's go for a full 100% next term!

Clearly, with restrictions being lifted, there is a great opportunity to get out and about further afield over half term. Please enjoy a relaxing and fun time over the Bank Holiday and beyond, whilst still being mindful of precautionary measures that will keep our wider communities safe.

Fingers crossed for a very sunny half term!!

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Davis
Headteacher

If you have any queries or concerns at all, please contact your son's tutor or the main office contact@cornfieldschool.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If any of this information is not clear please telephone the school on 01903 731277 where someone will explain it to you

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