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Dear parents,

There is a lot to share this week, so I hope you'll bear with us.

Year 11 appeals

For details of the appeals process for Year 11 exams after results day on 12th August, please click [here](#).

Other news

We had our first Covid cases of the term this week. Can I remind everyone not to send your children into school if they are showing any covid symptoms? The Delta Variant symptoms include cold-like symptoms (like a runny nose). Please keep your children at home with symptoms like these. This reduces the risk greatly and lessens the amount of complicated contact tracing that we have to do.

Can I remind parents of our policy about students having phones in school during the covid restrictions? Our policy (which is in place to protect students and parents from surreptitious filming etc.) is this:

Students will NOT be handing in phones - but if a phone is seen or heard to go off (text/call anywhere in the school grounds) then the phone will be confiscated - refusal to hand over the phone will result in a fixed term exclusion.

If students need to communicate with their parents during school, they should use the school office. If they need to phone after school, they should wait until they are outside the school gates.

As the weather gets hotter and hotter, some parents are concerned about students being unable to get water. We had to close our school water fountains as a result of the covid crisis. However, we are now opening two of the water fountains, one in PE and one in the dining area for the refilling of bottles only. These stations will only be available at break and lunch and the fountain in the dining hall will be supervised by staff. Both fountains will be cleaned regularly. Please send your children to school with a water bottle containing plenty of water. They will be able to get drinks from the canteen at lunch.

Newham are now publishing a parents' newsletter. Please click [here](#) to access it.

There is a survey on our website which relates to the curriculum for Relationships, Sex and Health Education. This is a new area of the school curriculum which is coming into full force from September. The importance of this teaching has been brought to light by the recent 'Everyone's Invited' campaign, which highlights various forms of sexual and emotional abuse perpetrated on school age students by their peers. Please do respond to the survey so that we can gauge your feelings on the age at which particular topics should be taught.

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Here is a mental health resource that can help with your families:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/selfcaresummer-secondary-pack/>

There is a big vaccination event happening in the London Stadium for everyone 18 or over this Saturday. It will really help us to protect the health and education of our school community if as many residents as possible attend. You can book the event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-stadium-vaccination-event-on-saturday-19-june-2021-tickets-158453922949?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Yours faithfully

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