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Good Afternoon,

It has been lovely to see students back in school today – it has been particularly nice to hear how Year 10 students got on at their work experience placements last week; well done on some real success stories!

Students have conducted themselves brilliantly in the heat and it has been lovely to see some of our students wearing black shorts as part of our new uniform for Terms 5 and 6 – they look very smart indeed.

Following the Red Alert Weather warning, we can now share further updates below:

**School Closures – Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June**

A decision has been taken to **keep all Futura schools closed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week**. This decision has been taken in the interests of the health and wellbeing of the school community and is a decision reflected in the approach of our neighboring Academy Trusts.

We do recognise the impact that this might have on families and our initial work to make provision for some students in the Discovery Centre has not been possible.

Remote learning will be sent to families based on National Oak Academy on-line lessons, with paper-based alternatives available from Miss Caswell from 3.10pm. Further details will follow tomorrow.

**Uniform - Tuesday/ Friday**

Following discussions with students, there is a variety of articulate and valid views about the approach to uniform in hotter weather. The discussion, refreshingly, focused on keeping cool and not fashion eg the coolness of a white cotton shirt vs a black synthetic PE shirt.

As a result, we will be embracing a variety of approaches on Tuesday and Friday so we can get some authentic student voice feedback on the different ideas. Therefore, for Tuesday and Friday only, the following uniform options are available:

- Normal school uniform including wearing black trousers, skirt or shorts (trouser/chino material). No tie or blazer required

- As above but with PE uniform shorts/skorts as not everyone has secured delivery of shorts.

- School PE kit uniform

The feedback will help decide some of the longer-term approaches we take to dealing with warmer weather in schools – architects for the new Clevedon School beware!



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**Helping Yourself Keep Cool**
Students must bring a water bottle into school (we have limited spares available from our Nourish centre) as hydration plays a key part in keeping cool. Likewise a hat, sunscreen and seeking shade or the coolness of Discovery at Break and Lunchtime is very important.

**Event updates**

- **Year 12 Mock Exams – postponed**
  All mock exams on Wednesday and Thursday will be postponed. These exams will be moved to the end of the exam window. Further details will be sent to Year 12 families in due course.

- **Year 13 Art Exhibition (Tuesday) – cancelled**
  We are sorry to announce that our Year 13 Art Exhibition planned for tomorrow (Tuesday) has been cancelled. This is a real shame as the students have worked so hard to produce such high-quality work. We will of course come up with an alternative plan to showcase their wonderful final pieces and portfolios.

- **Year 10 Weston College – postponed**
  This will be re-scheduled in coordination with the college. Further details to follow.

- **Celebration of Voice – Postponed**
  Our celebration of voice that was planned for Wednesday night has been postponed.

- **Sports Day Thursday – Postponed**
  We are looking at alternative dates for our sports day and will be in touch when we have confirmed the date. Apologies in advance to our athletes for this postponement!

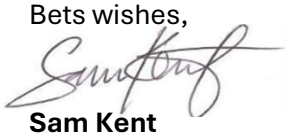
- **Saint Omer Trip to France**
  Our Year 8 and Year 10 trip to Saint Omer will go ahead as planned. We will ensure that all preparations for the trip are in place and currently, we plan to leave at the advertised time on Friday morning. Should there be any changes, our trip leader Miss Pritchett will be in touch.

As you can imagine, Mr Smith, myself and wider school have had lots to consider during this extraordinary period of heat – including working much of the weekend sorting logistics for this eventuality. In amongst the genuinely useful suggestions, it was disappointing to receive emails where the tone could at best be described as abusive and aggressive.

Our home partnership is crucial to what we do and I simply ask that should you have an opinion you wish to raise with the school, you raise it with appropriate tone and without resorting to abusive language. Keeping cool heads in hot weather is something we all need to do.

Finally, can I once again applaud the students today and the preparation they will have had from home. Students made the most of a difficult day today and we look forward to working together again tomorrow.

Bets wishes,



**Sam Kent**
**Head of School**