Dear Parent and Student,

Firstly I would like to express my thanks for your overwhelming support during our OFSTED inspection this week. It was one of those occasions, and we have many, where it was clear what great community spirit we have here at Beechwood. Our young people were given a little sweet treat today to acknowledge, once again, how proud I am of them and what a privilege it is to be their Headteacher.

Looking forward, we have just three weeks until the end of term and there’s a lot taking place. Well done to Year 12 for their great engagement in their work experience. Well done to Year 10 for their really positive engagement in their exams and also for the 6th Form taster days. It was wonderful to see our Year 10 students dressed as 6th Formers and enjoying the 6th Form lessons. When I spoke with them at the start of each day I emphasised the fact that this was a really important investment in their future and congratulated them for evidently taking this opportunity very seriously.

Our Year 7 have exams next week as do our Year 9, so they are wished well as they endeavour to show their achievements throughout this academic year.

We have some key dates to remind you of

- Tuesday 2 July Year 6 into Year 7 Induction Day and Parents Evening takes place.
- Monday 8 July we hold our Sports Day.
- Wednesday 10 July Our Year 9 Business Studies students undertake their “Practical Project “to their studies that they run a Summer Fair.
- Year Celebration Assemblies will commence on 11 July and run throughout the following week.
- The weekend of 13-14 July will see the Duke of Edinburgh expedition taking place.
- Thursday 18 July we have our Enrichment Day.
- Terms ends for students by lunch time on 19 July.

In forthcoming bulletins more details will be provided and we will share photographs of students enjoying those activities. Next week I look forward to reporting on the Year 11 Prom being held at the Copthorne Hotel this evening.

Very best wishes for a great week ahead.

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