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Dear Parents and Carers

To help you plan ahead for school events this term, I thought it would be helpful to highlight some key dates. As usual there is a lot happening between now and the Easter break, especially for Year 11 students. With coursework out of the way it is time now to really focus in on revision and exam preparation. Workshops and revision sessions are available for students to dip into according to their individual study needs. Please encourage your Year 11 children to make the most of these.

Year 9 also have some important decisions to make regarding their learning pathways for Years 10 and 11 – some of which are coming up soon. As a school we work hard to make sure that each child has the chance to follow the programme of study best suited to his/her skills, interests and possible career pathways in later life. We believe in a broad and balanced “diet” for all young people not least because very few people nowadays have a job for life. Young people need to have a range of skills and be adaptable, life-long learners, ready and able to make the most of their opportunities and, of course, to be good citizens.

On a practical front, please remember the “Extreme Weather” arrangements we have in place:

- The school website will have a notice on the home page by 7.45 am at the latest to confirm whether the school is open or closed
- BBS Somerset, Heart and Total Star FM will have regular updates about school closures
- A text messaging service is also being introduced to let you know if school is closed to the day. (As always, please make sure we have your latest contact details. We are aware that people change their phones much more frequently now and it is essential that we can get in touch with you as needed.)

For those of you in receipt of benefits, please don't forget to let us know so that we can up-date our Free Schools Meal register. We need to know if your children are eligible even if you decide NOT to take up the offer of a free school meal. Regardless of take-up, in our school, every additional eligible student on the list will generate a minimum of £430 into our budget and every penny counts, as you know.

I trust that the information enclosed is helpful. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. Your child's tutor is always a good person to start with, but other key staff will be happy to help - the Pastoral Team Leader, a member of SLT or myself. We want our school to be the best it can be and are pleased to receive your feedback to achieve that.

Please find attached a list of key dates for the term.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

PAT HOLLINGHURST
Head

PS. As a school we recognise the importance of extra-curricular activities. Please encourage your children to take part in as many clubs and other learning opportunities as possible. Information is available from Mr Blake.

Spring Term

4th January – 30th March

20 th January	Year 11 Results Day
2 nd February	Learning Pathways Parents' Evening
7 th February	Learning Pathways Interviews begin
9 th February	Blue Mo non-uniform day
9 th February	Year 10 Parents' Evening
23 rd February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10 th February	Year 11 Photographs
Half Term:	13 th – 17 th February
23 rd February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
27 th February	Issue Year 8 reports
5 th – 9 th March	Year 10 Exams
13 th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
22 nd March	Year 11 Parents' Evening
26 th – 30 th March	Year 10 Work Experience week

Summer Term

17th April – 18th July

27 th and 28 th April	Key Stage 3 Production
30 th April	Issue Year 10 reports
7th May	Bank Holiday
8 th – 11 th May	Year 7 and Year 8 exams
14 th /15 th May	Lower School Production
17 th May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Half Term:	4 th – 8 th June
11 th – 15 th June	Year 7 French Study Visit
21 st June	Celebration Evening
26 th June	Issue Year 9 reports
28 th June – 3 rd July	Year 9 CATs tests
29 th June	Non-uniform day and Summer Fayre
4 th July	Induction Day and Year 6 Parents' Evening
6 th July	Sports Day
9 th – 13 th July	Year 8 Camp
10 th July	Issue Year 7 reports
18th/19th July	INSET Days – School closed