



**Update from the Principal**

**Friday 13 May 2022**

Dear parents / carers,

## **Parents evenings**

We are currently evaluating how we wish to run parents' evenings in the future, following the move to online meetings during the pandemic. I have already had some comments from parents regarding this but am keen to hear more about what you think the way forward is. Online certainly has its advantages but also contributes to a lack of personal connection, something that is vital in building trusting relationships between the school and families. If you have something to add on this important part of school life, please send your thoughts to the following email address:

[ParentsEveComments@Hea.ac.uk](mailto:ParentsEveComments@Hea.ac.uk)

This will remain active until the end of half term, hopefully giving you plenty of time to think, discuss and contribute.

## **Uniform**

I've noticed some non-uniform tops starting to creep in recently. Please ensure that if jumpers are being worn, they are plain black V-neck, so we can still see the tie underneath. As always, if you are struggling with uniform issues please contact the tutor or head of House in the first instance.

## **House competition**

Chelston are still in the lead at the moment, but with the swimming gala and sports day - two of the biggest points on offer - yet to take place, there is no room for complacency. After half term the score board will be hidden until the final results reveal on 21 July, so if the other Houses want to be a surprise on the day, they are going to have to start closing the gap and winning more events. Whoever finally wins, it will be great to award the trophy after three years.

## **Mental Health Awareness week**

As I wrote in my last bulletin, this week has been about raising awareness for mental health. Mr Vaughan has been leading assemblies on the theme of loneliness and we encouraged pupils to wear something green yesterday (Thursday) to promote awareness. Mental health is a sensitive and very personal issue to many of our pupils and

families, so anything we can do to raise our own levels of understanding and awareness can only serve to help others feel less isolated or alone.

## **Exams**

Well that time of year is now definitely upon us, and after two years of no exams everything is in place to help students achieve as best they can this summer. With the languages speaking exams this week kicking everything off, we can now look forward to over a month of exams for Year 11 and year 13 students, with the last exams towards the end of June. I am sure I speak for all the staff and governors when I wish all those sitting public exams this summer the very best of luck.

With best wishes.



**Mr Chris Wade**  
**Principal**

