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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I cannot believe that we are approaching the last full week of school before the summer holidays. We have been incredibly pleased with how hard students have worked throughout this period of school closure, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their support throughout this time. I suspect that for all of us, there have been ups and downs along the way, but as we are looking forward to some time away from home learning and the new 'school' routine, I think that on reflection, our community has much to be proud of throughout this time.

This week has seen the return of about half of our Year 12 students to spend some time with their tutors, to check in and to ensure that everyone is prepared for the full return to school in September. We are looking forward to welcoming the other half of the year group next week. Year 10 also continue to attend in small groups and it has been lovely to see how pleased students have been to be back in school. We have missed them!

Term ends next Friday 17 July, and this will signal the school closing completely for the summer holidays, the first complete closure since February half term. That means we will not be open for any students during the summer holidays as everyone rests, recharges and prepares for September. Friday is a half day and work will not be set on the afternoon of 17 July. The only exception to this is that we will remain open in the afternoon for key worker students, and for the Year 10 students in school, it will be a full day.

This week, Year 11 and Year 13 students should have received communication about Results Day this summer. If this has not been received, do please get in touch. The information is also on our website under Year 11 or Sixth Form/Latest News/Letters and Presentations.

We have of course, been planning for September, and Mr Clarke will be sharing more information about this next week. In the meantime, you may find this government document useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Following the launch of the House Languages Competition by the MFL Department last week, there has been a really great effort made by Year 7 and Year 8 students. The deadline for submitting work was 3:40pm today so points will be tallied at the start of next week and winners announced via Google Classroom and Twitter.

This week has also seen the Y9 Interform Wellbeing Week Challenge and lots of Year 9 students have been involved in challenges based on the five ways to wellbeing. It has been so good for Mrs Stenhouse and the Y9 Form Tutors to see how talented, kind and dedicated the students are outside of the normal curriculum and we look forward to announcing the winners next week!

Year 9 will again have the chance to meet with their forms before the summer next week and all students should check their email and Microsoft Teams to see when they are meeting. It would be lovely to see everyone. Please contact Mrs Stenhouse if the invitation has not arrived by 3:40pm on Monday.

Our final Wellbeing Day for the whole school is next Thursday 16 July. Once again, remember that if students are struggling they can email wellbeing@wkgc.net for advice. This email can also be used by parents/carers to contact us.

Wishing everyone in our community a relaxing weekend,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Sargent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Elaine Sargent
Headteacher