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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday saw the final exam of the Year 11 GCSE Exam Season. The final group of Further Maths students finished up around midday bringing the season to an end. Massive congratulations to our Year 11 students. Today however saw the start of the Year 10 mock exam window and has started strongly so well done to our Year 10 students for the mature start to these few weeks.

I wanted to bring a few information items to your attention and then finish off with some nice news pieces.

Donation of old uniform for gift/sale – just a reminder that if you have used uniform that you will no longer need and would like to donate it to the Academy to have available to other families then we will gladly take it off your hands. We will launder and sort all items so please just bag up and deliver to Main Reception at any point and we will do the rest. Thank you in advance for any donations. We are in the process of setting up an online “2nd hand uniform store” which we hope to have running shortly. We also plan on trying to run some swap shop / 2nd hand sales days in the summer depending on stock. Our ambition is to have good quality 2nd hand uniform available for swap/purchase at good prices.

End of Summer Term – this term ends on Tuesday 23rd July for the Summer break. Finish will be at 12:40pm with grab and go lunch available for any students to collect before they leave.

Y9 moving to KS4 – you may be aware that we have different areas at lunchtime for KS3 (Y7 to Y9) and KS4 (Y10 & Y11). From Monday Y9 will move to KS4 (now that Y11 have finished). Students will be told this week. I wanted to give families the heads up as well as I know for some students change can be unsettling. It means that Y9 and Y10 will now be in the KS4 area and Y7 and Y8 will be in the KS3 area. Everyone will have a bit more space (until our new cohort of Y7 join us in September).

Ward Councillors for Frome Vale – Louis Martin, new Bristol City Councilor for the Frome Vale Ward, came to visit this week. He was keen to look around Bristol Met and hear some local challenges. He is also keen to hear directly from ward residents. He shares the ward with Councillor Al Al-Maghrabi. Louis and Al were keen to share their contact details with families and they have also set up a Facebook page which is listed below. Please do contact them directly should you wish to talk to them about issues in your local community if you live in the Frome Vale Ward

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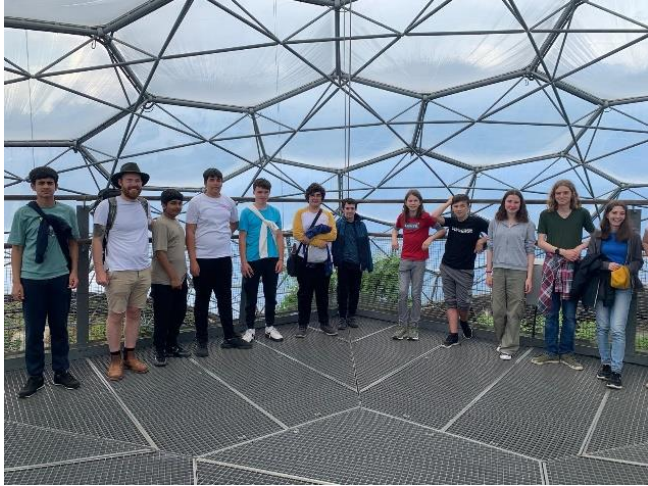
Facebook: @AlandLouis4FromeVale

And now a very small snippet of a few things that have happened at the start of this term already:



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Eden Project Trip – a number of Geography students took a trip to the Eden Project in Cornwall. They stayed overnight in a local youth hostel and got to explore the Eden Project and also take a trip to Boscastle. A great time was had by all students (and staff) with a particular thank you to Mr Thomas for organising the trip.



Junior NBA Basketball Tournament – building on the recent successes of the slightly older year groups the Year 8 Boys basketball players took part in the “Junior NBA Tournament”. Not only did they participate admirably they only went and won the event! Well done to Year 8 players!



Cricket Season – on the theme of sport but one that gets to enjoy the nicer weather slightly more...our Year Junior (Year 7 & 8) Cricket team had a great season and secured the title of “Bristol Champions”. Some amazing individual performances on top of a great team effort. Well done to the cricket team!



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Duke of Edinburgh – Another successful expedition, this time for student to finish their awards. Nice weather, whilst also not too hot. A lovely campfire and some delicious smores to finish off a great DofE season. Well done to all participants. Thank you to all staff who gave up their days, evenings and weekend to enable these expeditions to happen. A particular thank you to Miss Wallace who has taken over running DofE this year following Mr Cooley's retirement and given up significant amounts of time to further the programme. A final thank you however to Mr Cooley for coming back out of retirement for the expeditions to ensure a seamless handover of skills and experience.



In addition, following the conclusion of the expeditions this year the DofE organisation have confirmed that students on the programme have volunteered time to the community valued to be worth in excess of £7000!

General Safety Reminder – there have been a few incidents in the local area recently which many families will be aware of via local news. Whilst they don't involve students it feels appropriate to take the opportunity to do a general reminder around speaking to children about general safety. It feels particularly appropriate on the longest day of the year and as we approach the summer break as students are likely to be out and about unsupervised more than usual.

Here is to a nice and sunny (he says) second half to the Summer term on this longest day of the year.

Best wishes,

Cameron Shaw
Principal

