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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well as we enter July and approach the final few weeks of the academic year. In school we have had a very busy few weeks, watching our Year 11s complete their final exams then saying a fond farewell to these young people. Our Year 7s, Year 8s and Year 9s have all completed their Endpoints Assessments and you will shortly receive an end-of-year report showing their current progress. Our Year 10s took over where Year 11 left off and have just finished two intense weeks of PPE or mock exams before they begin a week focussing on their future plans tomorrow by completing work experience or a range of activities in school which will make a difference to their future careers and aspirations.

The weather is changeable at the moment but in line with our usual procedures, students are most welcome at this point to leave blazers at home. We ask that students bring slippers to school each day; on hot days they are of course permitted to take these off inside school but we ask that they bring them each day. All students should have a bag with them at school and on hot days, slippers can be carried in these. As you are aware, since the introduction of our localised behaviour procedures, we have upheld the highest possible uniform standards and I appreciate your support in ensuring that this continues until the end of the summer term. Students who have borrowed items of uniform from school should return these as soon as possible. Please remind your child to bring their planner or replacement planner to school each day so they can accumulate stamps and cash in a reward before the end of the term.

I would also like to remind families that attendance at school is vitally important and students who achieve 100% attendance each week are rewarded with a '100 Club' ticket to enter into our prize draw which will take place on the last day of term. We have had a large number of holiday requests recently and I would like to remind families that holidays will not be authorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances and fines will be issued by the Local Authority when unauthorised holidays are taken. There are 40 school weeks per year and teachers plan carefully to maximise learning for students so please encourage your child to be in school, day in, day out - we know this makes the biggest difference to exam success.

Looking ahead to summer, we have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this summer. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities, if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals. Follow the link in that email / text to redeem your voucher and request your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire. To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

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I would like to thank you as ever for your support and look forward to sharing our end-of-term newsletter soon showcasing some of the hugely exciting activities which have taken place in school lately.

Yours sincerely

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Principal