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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all now have settled back into the routines of school life after the summer break, it's been great to see students step up into new roles, groups and activities here at school. All students have now completed a full rotation of lessons, have met any new teachers and are ready to grasp the opportunities of the year ahead. I again stress the importance to all our young people of making the most of their time in school, not just in the classroom but in the wider curricular areas of school life. It's been lovely to see so many already take part in extracurricular activities or study in the Library and sixth form spaces after school. We have had a huge amount of students volunteer to support next week's Open Evening event for prospective students currently in Year 6 - it's lovely to see those taking such opportunities to support our wider community. For those students taking part, could I ask parents to complete the following permissions link <https://forms.office.com/r/ydgdSVYrZ6>

I wrote at the end of last term regarding a few capital projects that will enhance our school environment further. I am pleased to report we have upgraded our Wi-Fi network, built a new student covered seating area, student bike shed and ICT suite to better support the needs of our community (see photos enclosed).



We have been alerted to ongoing local roadworks which may impact some journeys to school. Please do note the attachment and plan accordingly should that affect your travel to and from school. Please do remember that the school is an exceptionally busy site at the start and the end of the school day and we have many mitigating actions in place to alleviate this, such as year group exits and entrances and support for those able to cycle or walk to school. Students can arrive to school early and leave slightly later which again can help reduce congestion at key points. For those parents and careers who do use the front car park, can I remind you we ask all to pick up from the second and third row leaving the first row free (closest to school building) for students on bikes and our main contracted bus services.

Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell  
Head Teacher