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Featherstone High School

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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Re: General Update

It was extraordinary to have had two back-to-back weeks with a bank holiday in each. It has had the effect of accelerating time in school and the year really is flying by. We are now right at the start of the GCSE and A Level exams so we wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best over the next month or so.

We have had another very good week and it has been great to see the Year 10s and 12s engaging so well with their end of year exams. The students continue to impress me and in particular, I can really see how the exam years have picked up the pace for this final half term before their exams. They are working hard; their teachers are working hard, and I know that their parents/carers are also playing their part. This hard work will pay off when it comes to the exams, their results and, most importantly, their future life opportunities.

It is fantastic to see so many students getting involved in revision sessions, catch up sessions and extra-curricular events after school. Just in the last couple of weeks, even with the bank holidays, we have had a Year 7 trip to Roehampton University for the Talent Foundry "Powering Transformation" event; a Year 12 visit to the West and Central London Young Enterprise event at Camden Market, a visit by the poet Karl Nova for years 8 and 9; a Year 9 Project Guardian workshop led by the police and TFL and a Year 10 Drama trip to the musical Hamilton as well as a visit to the school by the acclaimed motivational speaker Steve Sallis. Well done to all those taking part. There continues to be a lot taking place this half term as well as lots of visits to look forward to. Please do encourage your child to get involved.

We were all really pleased to hear that Featherstone has been awarded an Outstanding Reading Certificate from the Readathon organisation after the efforts of our Years 7 and 8. Students were given a challenge to read as many pages / books over a two-week period. The school raised £526 which will go towards buying books and storyteller visits for children in hospital.

We have also been fortunate enough this week to have borrowed some samples of moon rocks and soil as well as some meteorites. This was arranged by the Science and Technology Facilities Council. All students had the chance to witness these samples across this week.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of your children and the staff at Featherstone High School. It really does make all the difference.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Mr N. Walters
Headteacher