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Featherstone High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: End of Spring Term

Once again time has flown, and we find ourselves at the end of another term. What a term it has been. I am so grateful to all the staff for a magnificent effort in providing a world class education to all our students and an extra-curricular programme that is second to none. There really is too much to list here but even this week the Dance Festival was a triumph and incorporated performances from across Ealing and the wider area. We also had a visit from Sir Christopher Hum, the former British Ambassador to China and the former Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. In addition, you will have seen from my letter that went out earlier this week that Featherstone has received an award from the SSAT (The Schools Network) in recognition of our excellent exam results of last summer.

I am grateful to all our pupils too who make Featherstone such a wonderful community and I also thank you – the parents and carers for your ongoing support and encouragement without which the job we do here would be so much harder.

Exam Years

The summer term is always marked by the public examinations and there is no question about it, the Easter holiday provides a wonderful opportunity for the exam year students to do some work and to prepare themselves for the upcoming exam series. This applies very much for Year 11 and Year 13 but also for Year 10 who return to their Mock examinations.

How much work the students do is very personal and depends on how intensely they work but I think a minimum of five hours a day is a good guide. In all things, remember that if they use this holiday to do some really good work, they will have a long holiday after the exams to look forward to. They must also be sure to get some rest so that they are ready for the challenges ahead.

Uniform Expectations

As we prepare for the next school term, I would like to remind you of our high expectations regarding uniform.

On returning to school, it is expected that all students will return on time and with full and correct uniform. Please take the opportunity of the Easter holiday, to ensure your child is fully equipped to return to us with all items of clothing, including; appropriate shoes, blazer, tie, trousers/skirt and shirt. Failure to attend with the correct uniform on the first day back may result in your child being sent home.

Return to School

Please note that school reopens on Monday 15th April at the normal time, and we return on a Week A.

I hope you all have a very happy holiday filled with peace and the chance to rest. We will all look forward to seeing you in the new term. Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N. Walters
Headteacher

