



Dear Parents

After a very early start on Monday morning for most of us, it has been a very quiet week in the Secondary area of the school. Year 13 have been working hard on their extended essays, with final submission due tomorrow, and have also had the opportunity to bolster their TOK studies, as well as work on University applications. They have had a small amount of time set aside for relaxation, which I think they appreciated, but it has been great to see them all so focused and purposeful, working hard to achieve their ambitions.

Also in school we have had a small number of students who, for a variety of reasons, were unable to travel for Project Week, so have been working on a film project on the theme of 'Service'. It has been great to see students of mixed ages, who have never worked together before, collaborating on this project. By Friday, they will have completed a film which they will be sharing with Year 5 tomorrow afternoon.

Every evening I have been receiving updates from the trip leaders, from far flung parts of China, and it has been a real delight to hear how well things are going, how amazing our students are being in unfamiliar situations, and how well they are developing their independence. They have really engaged with the Service activities, and I know that they will return on Friday with lots of stories and memories, and perhaps a slightly different perspective on how fortunate most of us are to be healthy and loved, to live in nice homes, with happy families and to benefit from high quality education.

I hope that we will see many of you at Bonfire Night on Saturday, or at the IGCSE assembly on Tuesday morning, or the 'Into IB' evening also on Tuesday. It's looking like a busy few days ahead!

I also look forward to seeing many of you as you pick up your children on Friday afternoon/evening. We will be providing tea and coffee within the Hub on the ground floor of C Block so parents are able to relax whilst waiting for their children, and especially in case of any delays. For your convenience, I've copied the arrival details again below. As we are expecting Year 7 to return at around the same time as normal school collection time, please ensure that any drivers carefully follow the instruction of our Security Team who will be directing traffic and asking cars to park in the car park to the left of the Main Gate. This will ensure that our buses are able to enter and exit school safely.

| Return Friday 6 November | | | | |
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| | Flight number | Arrival airport and terminal | Landing time | School meeting time |
| Year 6 | FM9390 | T1 PVG | 15:05 | 17:05 |
| Year 7 | FM9380 | T1 PVG | 13:15 | 15:15 |
| Year 8 | MU5566 | T2 SHA | 17:10 | 19:10 |
| Year 9 | HO1178 | T2 SHA | 16:35 | 18:35 |
| Year 10 | HO1210 | T2 SHA | 16:55 | 18:55 |
| Year 11 | HO1072 | T2 SHA | 18:45 | 20:45 |
| Year 12 | MU5342 | T1 PVG | 15:25 | 17:25 |

Kind regards,

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