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Dear Parents / Carers,

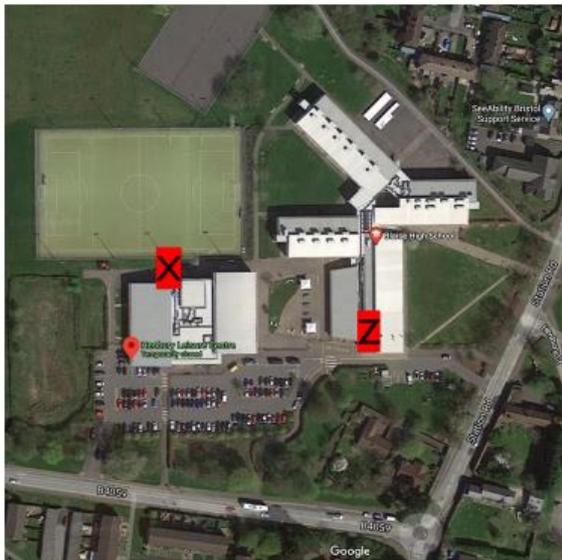
I hope you all had a lovely week and are looking forward to the bank holiday weekend ahead.

I want to start by congratulating all the students who attended a club this week. There were so many wonderful activities taking place in school and it was obvious that those involved really enjoyed it. We had lots of students outside after school with the PE team playing everything from football to rugby and tennis to basketball. We also had a brilliant group of Y7 students with Mr Vowles in Science club who all achieved their "Bunsen Burner Licence" and were proudly showing off their little cards at the end of the day. I personally thoroughly enjoyed leading the Brainiacs Club this week. The brilliant students engaged in a lecture and discussion seminar using content that is usually part of the A Level Sociology course as they discussed Marxist and Functionalist perspectives. It was so impressive to see how much the students knew about current affairs with all being able to confidently relate the sociological ideas to recent stories about Boris Johnson and James Dyson. A very healthy debate was had and it was a privilege to hear their views.

Our Character Badge programme is really developing this term and I'm excited to share with you the latest statistics for each year group. 56% of all students have now achieved at least one badge and a whopping 16% of students have 4 or more badges. Year 7s are impressing the most with an amazing 98% all having one badge and 57% having 4 or more badges. Well done to Y7, it really shows how seriously they take their wider character development. Rates in Y8-10 are lower, so I really want to take this opportunity to encourage students in those year groups to think carefully about the activities, roles and clubs they could take part in to get their badge. Just 45% of Y8, 32% of Y9, 43% of Y10 have achieved their first badge. Well done to those pioneering students who have already got their first, second, third, fourth badge!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the upcoming local elections on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Our school site will be used as both a polling station and count hall. This will affect the day at school on May 7<sup>th</sup> as some of the usual spaces that students use will need to change. We know this may cause some confusion but we will ensure all students and staff are clearly aware and use additional duties to maintain standards. This is worthwhile to ensure we're able to support the local democratic process. Firstly, Y7 and Y8 students will roll call outside on the astro-pitch in the morning. Furthermore, there will be adjustments for most students to the spaces available at break and lunch. We have ensured that the food service will remain the same and that there will be plenty of space for everyone but have had to be creative to make that happen. Please see below for an explanation of how it will work.

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## Social Time changes for Friday 7th

	Food Service	Outdoor Play
Year 8	Assembly hall (no change)	Field via gate X
Year 11	Atrium fire exit door, designated tables	MUGA (no change)
Year 7	Yellow door (Z), take and go only, no inside seating	Astro (no change)
Year 10	Atrium (no change), fewer tables available	Marissal only, no field

Our values of Ambition, Inclusion and Collaboration ensure students are equipped with a Growth Mind-Set and can meet our mission of Social Justice.



Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Brown  
Headteacher