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Dear Parent/Guardian

We've had another very good week for so many reasons including a really good INSET day planning for September, a great Head of Department planning day, another constructive week for our Pop-Up school, some great news about a bid to have our windows replaced, some robust conversations regarding our budget and a positive governors meeting.

The windows news is really positive for the school. The old single glazed windows with outdated closing mechanisms will be replaced across the school and the rest of the windows will be refurbished and refreshed. This will make the school warmer, more environmentally friendly and more aesthetically pleasing. In addition, the school is also having a system of modern LED lighting put in during the summer. Both developments will help the fabric of the school to look nicer after many years of the neglect of its physical appearance and are another marker of our resurgence.

Our INSET day was very successful and I am very grateful to Rachel Salmons from Sonning Common Primary School for helping us to really understand the standards of work completed by Year 6 students. Rachel came in with work, showed us some SATs papers and ensured we understood the skills and standards that are delivered in Year 6. We will use this session to ensure the work for Year 7 in September is set at the appropriate level and our expectations are as high as those in primary schools. The INSET day also combined well with the Head of Department day on Monday. Lots of time was spent focusing on our plans for September, particularly about the acquisition of knowledge, recall and mastery alongside a whole school reading strategy. We can't wait to get going with these ideas.

We have been working closely with the Active Leaders group in the village who provide leadership training for older students and activities for younger students. Therefore, it was lovely to hear that one of our students, George B, as part of his Active Leaders training course produced a wonderful resource for younger students entitled *George's Cartographers Challenge*. This is a wonderful effort from George and as well as improving himself has helped the younger members of the local community to have a fun time and learn something new. We're very proud of him!

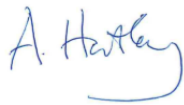
As for September, I'm not going to rush into lots of decisions following the government guidance that was published on Thursday. As I write this I have just finished listening to a webinar on this matter and I'm in a Trust meeting on this topic later today. There is a huge amount of chatter in the education press and on social media but I want to consult the team and really consider the best solutions for our students. However, whatever the small print and precise logistics we will be open for all students for full time education as long as we are permitted to do so.

Next week sees a virtual sports fixture versus Highdown School. There will be a different challenge each day with all of the events being posted on Google Classroom and via the PE department social media platforms. Parents, siblings and wider family can get involved but please do also encourage the students to do their bit. We want to win so every entry matters! Our virtual Sports Day will be in the final full week of term (week beginning 13th July). Watch this space for details of that event.

Lastly, our staff members of the week go to Miss Mallon, Miss Cheeseman, Mr Burningham and Miss Swayne for their great work in going over and above to support the students. On that note Mrs Ashley received a lovely bunch of flowers this week in recognition of the great work she did with one of her Year 11s across the year. There is no better job than teaching for seeing the difference you can make to a young person's life but it is also, just occasionally, nice to be recognised for those efforts.

Please use the [FAB](#) and [DRAB](#) links to pass on any feedback you may have to us as well as [staff member of the week](#) to let us know which staff member has gone above and beyond.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Hartley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Andrew Hartley
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