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Dear year 12

I hope you have had a good week. Today it is St George's Day which is seen as England's national day. I celebrated my English identity by enjoying a cup of tea whilst reading the cricket scores this morning but am more interested in what it means to you as teenagers in 2021 to be English. Please do let me know.

Thank you for being here early yesterday to learn about Stephen Lawrence and it was good to hear from your teachers how many of you had asked searching questions and shown interest. I hope that those who were more interested in checking their social media accounts can reflect on the video below during their detention time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tk-Tc2g5hSc>

The focus of today's message is a uniform reminder. I remain of the genuine belief that the majority of year 12 look very smart but I certainly feel it is timely to remind you of our expectations and I have had several messages from staff this week asking me to do so.

Please do read the attached guidelines and in particular, please do remember that trainers are never acceptable as part of school attire and that all students should wear a jacket at all times. Wearing only a jumper is not part of our uniform code.

The Sixth Form attire list is updated each year with the support of year 12 students. I would therefore like to invite anyone interested in suggesting updates to attend a meeting with Dr McNamara and myself at **10.30** next Tuesday in the classroom next to my office W1.

It was nice to chat to Mr Ridley this week and hear that there are plans for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition section to be happening soon. He will be writing to you but the practice event will take place during half-term with the final expedition happening in the last week of the school year. As you already know, the last week is allocated to EPQ presentations so students going away on DofE will need to be organised and prepared to give their EPQ presentation before the expedition departs.

Best wishes  
Mr Griffith

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Dear year 12

Today we will be joining schools across the country to attend a virtual assembly in support of Stephen Lawrence Day. A reminder that if your first lesson is at 9.30 then it has been moved to a slightly earlier time of 9.15 to allow everyone to be in class and settled before the assembly starts. It is also Earth Day today and the very talented Safea has designed the

beautiful illustration overleaf in support of the occasion. You can learn about these two events from these two links:

<https://stephenlawrenceday.org/>

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>

Earth Day has a message of caring for your environment and that includes your school. Sadly, some students are too lazy to use bins and I was also disappointed to hear that the gym had been left in a poor state yesterday with weights left all over the place. Please respect your environment.



I have been made aware that some year 12 have been using the sports facilities without permission or supervision so I would like to remind you that use of the sports hall, gym, aerobics suite, astroturf or field is not allowed during lesson time unless it is a planned and supervised activity. To be very clear, you are not allowed in these areas unless you have a member of staff with you. Yesterday afternoon's sport lessons for younger pupils were disturbed by a large group playing football. It also beggars belief that I am having to remind people that playing sport in just socks is ridiculous and can cause injury, as we have seen this week.

We have scheduled gym sessions for you three times a week and there are after school staffed sessions for rugby, hockey and football with dance starting next week. If you do not have a lesson then you should be using the time to study.

Best wishes  
Mr Griffith

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Dear year 12

I hope you have enjoyed the lovely sunny day. According to the registers a lot of you enjoyed it too much and didn't go to LC time today. This is a reminder that if you have an afternoon lesson then you are expected to be in your form room by 2.00. Playing football on the astro or not being back from your walk out at lunchtime are not acceptable excuses. Please make sure this does not happen again.

More self-tests for covid were issued today and if you did not get this week's box then please do come and get one from my office.

Your reports were issued over Easter and your parents should have discussed them with you. The letter outlining how to access them using the SIMS app is attached again. The currently working at grades were not easy to assess due to weeks of Teams teaching but the Lerpoolian grades reflecting your overall efforts show what a good yeargroup this is. Across the two report periods of PP1 and PP2 the average score is slightly over 12. This means a score of Good-Good-Good for your three subjects. Please do look at your grades carefully. If you have more than one satisfactory you need to ask yourself why are you in the bottom quarter of the year for how teachers view your efforts.

It is nice to celebrate achievement so particular congratulations to these students:

- Nicolaas S - 4 'excellent' Lerpoolian grades on **both** reports so far. 😊 😊 😊 😊
- Charlotte P - 3 'excellent' Lerpoolian grades on **both** reports so far. 😊 😊 😊
- Melissa C, Eric D and Scarlett P - all 'excellent' Lerpoolian grades on their Easter report in their 4 subjects. 😊 😊 😊 😊
- Rosa A, Ben E, Harry P'n, Zara W and Huzaifa Z - all 'excellent' Lerpoolian grades on their Easter report in their 3 subjects. 😊 😊 😊

Some dates and information about this term that I wanted to share with you:

**Parents' Evening** - Wednesday 12th May. This will be from 4.30 to 7.00 and will be online. Mrs Lines will send out a letter explaining how you and your parents can sign up. To ensure that everyone is home in time, there will be no lesson 7 for you that day so you can leave school by 3.15.

**Internal Exam Week** - end of year exams will take place in the week that begins Monday 21st June. Your teachers have been told to issue revision lists before the end of this half-term but I would start asking for them in lessons soon so that you can plan. These grades will be the biggest factor that will influence what is sent on your UCAS form to universities when they ask for 'predicted grades'. They will not be target grades as we need firm evidence of the levels that you have been working at. The current version of the exam timetable is copied below. A full version with timings will be sent to you nearer the time.

<b>Monday AM</b>	DT
	Economics
	English Literature
	Spanish
	Sport
<b>Monday PM</b>	Chemistry
<b>Tuesday AM</b>	Art (and PM)
	English Language
	Geography
	Physics
	Politics
<b>Tuesday PM</b>	Art
	Biology
<b>Wednesday AM</b>	Business BTEC
	Business Studies
	Classics
	Further Maths
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	Computer Science
	History
	Media
<b>Thursday AM</b>	Maths

**Last week of term** - in a normal year the last week of term in July is a work experience week for year 12 but unfortunately very few employers are offering this due to covid. Instead, this will be a UCAS and EPQ week and there will be no lessons. Final EPQ presentations and submission of your report will be in this week and there will be opportunities for UCAS work and visits.

Best wishes  
Mr Griffith

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