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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to let you know about our plans for the heat wave that is forecast whilst the students are in school on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Firstly, I think that it is important to make you aware that the local authority has made it clear that schools should not close. This is something that we are in agreement with. Our main concerns are that students remain hydrated and relatively comfortable throughout the day. We will be making adjustments to many of our activities, such as those in the PE department to ensure that students are not participating in vigorous activities or spending time outside of the buildings during the hottest part of the day. We will also be re-rooming a number of lessons from the highest and hottest areas of the school.

On these two exceptionally hot days, students are also invited to wear their PE shorts or skorts with their PE polo shirt, instead of trousers or skirts. If they choose to wear their PE shorts/skorts, they may also wear trainers, but if they are in their normal school trousers or skirts, they must wear their black school shoes. Blazers and ties are not required on either day. For those choosing to wear their PE kit we would ask that parents check that skorts are of a suitable length to travel to and from school. Furthermore, we would ask that if items become sweaty and odorous that they are not worn on subsequent days.

Sixth Form students may wear shorts (no denim), a smart t-shirt (Vyners branded polo/PE t-shirt or other) and trainers. It is **IMPERATIVE** that every student wears a lanyard in the interests of safeguarding. Failure to wear a Year 12 lanyard will result in a CSS.

Finally, I would ask that parents and carers check that their child has a refillable water bottle on each of the two days. There is ample water supply at the school and students should by now be in the habit of refilling their bottles via the fountains in the school.

Thank you as usual for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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