



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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April 2024

Year 9

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Summer Term 2024

I would like to welcome you all back to the summer term and hope you enjoyed the Easter break. Now students have made their GCSE option choices, it is even more important that they continue to engage fully with their learning in all their subjects, so they are fully prepared for the challenges of Year 10.

Key dates to put in your diaries:

- **Reward Trip to Playzone – Thursday 9 May** (Invitation only; based on attendance and attitude to learning data)
- **Interform Rounders competition – Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May** (not all forms will be playing on the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings)
- **Lincolnshire Show – Wednesday 19 June**
- **Sports Day – Friday 21 June**
- **Be Safe Day – Tuesday 25 June** (Year 9 are off timetable for an in-school event)
- **Year 9 Celebration Evening – Thursday 11 July** (6.00pm-8.00pm)
- **Year 9 End of Year Trip – Monday 15 July**

The Celebration Evening is a fantastic event where all pupils are celebrated for their successes so far in the journey through William Farr School. It is an excuse for pupils to get dressed up and enjoy a fun filled evening with their friends. It starts in the main hall for prize giving, before a garden party afterwards with snacks, music, games, and a photo booth.

By half term we will have finished the careers unit of our PSHE curriculum and will be moving onto British Values and Youth Justice. We will be covering the mandatory citizenship elements of the political system in the UK as well as the rule of law, gangs, knife crime, youth justice, tolerance, and mutual respect by looking at multicultural Britain. Alongside the PSHE sessions, we are continuing with our mental wellbeing programme, with this term's focus all about 'being active'. With your support we are hoping students will make the most of the lighter evenings by getting outside and increasing their activity levels.

The school works in close partnership with the [Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership](#) who offer several workshops for parents throughout the year, and are generally free. They also have a dedicated YouTube channel that I encourage you to explore [The LSCP - YouTube](#). Parents play a crucial role in helping pupils stay safe online. As technology evolves, new risks and challenges emerge, making it essential to regularly update our knowledge and adapt our practices. Please visit our school website for additional resources on online safety for parents: <https://www.williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk/online-safety>.

As we move towards warmer weather, and hopefully more opportunities and space to be outside in our free time, I shall be reminding the year group about the need for non-physical play, in line with our Pupil Code of Conduct stating '*Keep your hands, feet and unkind words to yourself—'playfighting' is not permitted, nor is any physical behaviour of any kind.* Please speak with your child about the importance in engaging in positive behaviours during



unsupervised time. Thank you for your support. All students will be given a field pass to support positive behaviour and I am confident that no field passes will need to be revoked.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of school attendance and punctuality. Please can you ensure your child is in school, fully equipped, before 9.00am every day, and if there is a day where your child is not able to attend, please contact the school. Myself and the school's Educational Welfare Officer, Mrs Chatterton, will be supporting students and parents if there are any issues regarding attendance.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for your continued support over this academic year. The year group are developing into fantastic young adults, and it is a privilege to see their journey. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me; k.ewing@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to supporting staff workload and wellbeing, I will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days. Emails should be written in line with the Parent Code of Conduct as shown on the school website under the Governors section.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Ewing
Head of Year 9