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Dear Parents

As I write to you the sun has finally decided to appear and help to make our days more smiley. We are fast approaching the end of term and the end of the School Year, meaning there are many activities going on, which I wanted to bring to your attention - both for your children's participation but also where you are invited to come along and get involved too. It was lovely to see some of you at the Art Gallery Exhibition: Flight on Friday evening. Please see attached list of events.

With a number of trips being part of the upcoming events - and several exciting opportunities currently being advertised for the coming years to New York, Lake Garda, Germany and Holland, can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that students' places on all school trips are dependent on high levels of attendance and students meeting Smithdon's behaviour expectations. As a result, we reserve the right to withdraw a student's place at any time, if either of these things are a concern. For a trip with a cost attached a refund will only be issued if another student is able to fill the empty place.

I also wanted to highlight two changes to uniform and equipment from September 2024.

- it will be a requirement for **all students to have a school bag** from September in order to ensure they have all their equipment, relevant books and their copy of The Smithdon Way with them for all lessons, including form time PSHE.
- as I mentioned last term, further to our current uniform policy on shoes, from September there will be the added requirement that **shoes must be polishable** - this is to further address the increasing attempt by students to wear trainers and canvas pumps to school: these will continue to be unacceptable footwear.

Finally, please note that following discussions with the Smithdon Student Council, and taking on staff views, our school day will be returning to a 2-2-1 format from September. This does not affect the start and end of the day, but that lunch will now be 1.20-2pm.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in the coming weeks as we celebrate a successful year for so many of our students.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins

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Headteacher



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25 June	8.30am-3pm	Year 10 Bringing Science to You trip @ St Clement's High School
	3.30-6pm	Year 10 Intervention Evening (appointments by invitation)
Wednesday 26 June	8.30am-5pm	Yr7 & ½ Yr9 at the Royal Norfolk Show Yr10 Performing Arts trip to <i>Everyone's Talking About Jamie</i>
Thursday 27 June	8.30am-5pm 6.30-11pm	Yr8 & ½ Yr9 at the Royal Norfolk Show Year 11 Prom

Monday 1 July	6.30pm	WNAT Community Music - Rock and Pop @ Springwood High School with Smithdon Band The Unknown competing
Tuesday 2 July	6pm	Sports Day - Smithdon High School Yr9 DofE Presentation Evening - Smithdon Main Hall
Wednesday 3 July		Yr10 COWA/Springwood Sixth Form Taster Day
Thursday 4 July	6.30pm	Yr10 COWA Taster Day WNAT Community Music Week Vocal Celebration @ Springwood High School
Friday 5 July	8.40am	Year 10 Rewards Assembly (parents by invitation)

Friday 5 - Monday 8 July		Yr8 French Trip

Monday 8 July - Friday 19 July		Yr10 Work Experience
Monday 8 July	8.45am-1.15pm	Yr9 Maths Summer Snacks @ Springwood High School
Tuesday 9 July	9.30am-2.30pm	Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 10 July	5.30pm	KS3 Prizegiving Evening (by invitation)
Thursday 11 July	6pm	Smithdon Summer Concert @ Hunstanton Town Hall
Friday 12 July		Year 5 Experience Day

Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 July		Year 7 PGL Trip
Monday 15 July		Year 9 Cambridge Writers' Trip
Wednesday 17 July	8.45am-7pm	Year 8 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
Thursday 18 July	8.45am-7pm	Year 9 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
Friday 19 July		LAST DAY OF TERM!