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Dear Parents and Guardians

This first week back seems to have flown by; staff and pupils have been settling into their new routines after the long summer break. Page House is once again a hive of activity and I have enjoyed getting to know the new arrivals, including those from overseas. The new Year 3 children have settled in amazingly well and it has been a pleasure to see them all walking confidently in to Maple each morning. The new pupils higher up in the school have also settled in well and have started to make friends and find their way around school. I have enjoyed meeting many of you in the car park and putting names to faces.

#### Parking

In order to ease Wednesday afternoon car park congestion and collection, I would request that all parents watching their children in home sports fixtures park in the Senior School car park. I appreciate that this may be a little inconvenient but the combination of having so many cars already parked in the Prep School car park and parents then arriving to collect pupils at 3.50pm creates an unmanageable congestion issue.

#### Wednesday afternoons:

- Children in Years 3 and 4 should be collected at 3.50pm. Please vacate the car park as quickly as possible.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 and not involved in fixtures should also be collected at 3.50pm. Please vacate the car park as quickly as possible.
- All Year 7 and 8 pupils not involved with fixtures should be picked up from the Senior School South Gate car park (by the swimming pool). Pupils with younger siblings should collect their brother or sister from the concourse and walk together to the Senior School. Please do not collect Pupils from Years 7 and 8 from the Prep School. Prep sessions still run as normal.

#### Polite request

If you require an appointment with a member of staff or wish to know if a teacher is available please do so via Mrs Taylor in the school office. Parents should not walk directly in to school looking for members of staff or disturb lessons and tutor times. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

We ask that parents do not walk their children in to class in the mornings as the pupils are all old enough to manage this unaided. Thank you for your support with this.

#### School uniform

It is a school rule that all pupils arrive and depart from school wearing their uniform. This includes wearing their blazer. Please support us by reinforcing this message at home.

All pupils must conform to the school rules which apply to appearance and equipment. Pupils should be wearing sensible school shoes. Ballet style pumps for girls are not

permitted for school; they are not supportive enough for growing feet. Lace ups (preferred option), T bar or Mary Jane style shoes with a strap are the most practical and safe style of shoes for all girls.

A number of boys appear to need a 'back to school' hair cut following the long summer break. Please remember that boys' hair should be off the collar, above the ears and eyebrows. Hair should not be dyed or highlighted and **gel/ wax type products should not be used.**

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 may choose to continue to use their regulation blue Prep School bag or the regulation Senior School bags, both of which are sold in the School Shop. Pupils are not permitted to use other styles of bags in school. Mrs Bowett has samples of the regulation bags in her office if you would like to see them.

#### Medical information

Please return or update any medical information by Monday.

#### Saturday Activities

The Activities Fair will be in Cobham Hall between 11:00am and 12:00 noon. This is primarily for new parents, particularly those in Years 3-6. However, if anybody else would like to attend, you will be most welcome.

Saturday Activities will be starting next week, 19th September.

#### Year 5 Parents Tea Party

On Friday 18th we are holding a Year 5 Parents Tea Party at 4pm. It will be an opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor. It will run for approximately an hour and there will be light refreshments on offer. The Year 5 team look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

#### Bromsgrove Tennis Academy

Mini Tennis Red is for children aged 8 and under. It is played on badminton courts with short rackets and soft balls. It's just like the real game and gives players opportunities to have long rallies and play different types of shots.

Mini Tennis Orange is for children aged 8 and 9. It is played outdoors on a reduced size tennis court at Bromsgrove School. It's just like the real game and gives players opportunities to have long rallies and play different types of shots

For more details please see attached flyers. The courses commence tomorrow, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Staff News

We wish Mr Burchett every success this weekend as he competes in the gruelling Ironman Wales 2015 on Sunday to raise money for the Spinal Injuries Association. The Ironman triathlon involves a 2.4 miles sea swim, a 112 mile cycle race and a 26.2 miles run.

We wish Mrs Gunn every success as she participates in the Palace to Palace (45 miles from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Palace) Cycle ride for the Prince's Trust.

We also wish Mrs Boardman every success on 26<sup>th</sup> September when she takes part in a Snowdon Climb on to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity.

If you would like to sponsor these intrepid members of staff please contact Mrs Taylor for details.

Headmistress' Commendations this week were awarded week commencing 22nd June to James Alma, Jack Scott, James Box, James Moberley, Christopher Smith, Tallulah Bond (2) and Verity Slater.

Week commencing 7th September to Frazer Jones, Alice Liversidge, Gemma Calthorpe and Francesca Mellor.

#### Fine Diners

Congratulations to this week's Years 3 and 4 Fine Diners: Hannah Sutherland, Ruby Foster, Oliver Dieppe, Madison Faber, Jai Singh, Rufus Cole, Honey Luscombe, Jack Barnett, Isla Sutherland, Max Shaylor, Gabbie Billig, Henry Wiggins.

#### Sport

##### Boys

The rugby season started on Wednesday when ten teams were fielded. The U13A had a convincing win against RGS Worcester in the National Cup, the U13B's also won, the U12As defeated Winterfold House, whilst the U12Bs lost to Bredon Hill. The U11A's won away at Winterfold and the U11C's lost to Winterfold. Our U11B's were defeated by Malvern College U11A's and the U10A's also lost to Malvern College U10 As and the U10B's and U10C's lost to Winterfold's U10A's & U10B's.

#### P.A. News

The PA AGM is next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. The meeting will take place at Thomas Horton offices, 70 The Strand, Bromsgrove, B61 8DQ. The PA warmly invites all parents to this meeting.

The PA are hosting a fashion sale on Thursday 24th September in the Hospitality Suite, 6:30pm start.

We will be joined by "Shop to Drop Ltd" who will be retailing lines from high street stores such as Top Shop, Miss Selfridge, Next, Coast, M&S and Debenhams to name but a few. Enjoy a drink, bring your friends and take advantage of some huge discounts of up to 75% off current season items.

We will also be hosting additional stalls with local traders including yummy cup cakes, jewellery and interior design plus many more.

Tickets are £8.00 per person in advance which includes 5 free raffle tickets, £10 on the night.

To purchase tickets in advance and secure your place, please return the attached slip with your payment to the PA box in either Prep or Pre Prep. Please bring your friends and family, the evening is open to all. We look forward to seeing you there.

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#### Assembly Theme and Pastoral Focus for the Week

Friends – why are they important?

Yours sincerely

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