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Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents and Friends,

With the beginning of the month of May, we are now in the final two months of this school year and have many exciting events ahead! As you know, the exams season has begun for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are taking their IGCSE and International Baccalaureate exams respectively. We of course wish them all the best during this

important time. A wonderful way to celebrate their huge efforts will be when we have the special graduation events for both classes. We are already busy organising all the details. Year 13 will have their graduation on May 17th where all families are invited, and for Year 11 the graduation will take place on June 7th with the students only.

On another note, during the week beginning 10th June, the Year 11 students will begin with their work experiences which will most certainly be something very valuable for them in the future. We are also very enthusiastic about preparing the residential trip to the Pyrenees for our Year 9 and Year 10 students. Further details have been passed on to the families already and can be found in the attached flyer.

Lastly, we cannot forget to mention our usual traditional whole school GVS Summer Fair organised for June 21st. Indeed, all these are very unique events that contribute to our students' holistic educational experience here at GVS.

My best wishes as always,

Mr James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

Primary Section

Dates for your Diary

- Week beginning 6th May: Outdoor Learning Week
- Thursday 9th May: Y3 to Fresopolis
- Wednesday 15th May: Y5 to La Caixa Forum
- Week beginning 20th May: Spanish Week
- Tuesday 21st May: Y4 Viking Day (presentation to parents at 3:30 p.m.)
- Friday 24th May: Flamenco Dancing, Children to wear 'Spanish' Costume
- Friday 31st May: Y3 Assembly to Parents 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 29th May: Y4 to La Caixa Forum

- Tuesday 4th June: Y2 to La Caixa Forum
- Tues 4th and Wed 5th June: Y6 Residential Trip
- Friday 7th June: Transition Day, meeting new Teachers, Y6 go to Y7.
- Tuesday June 11th and Wednesday June 12th: Primary Summer Production
- Friday 14th June: Y5 Ancient Greek Day (Assembly to parents 3:30pm)
- **Week beginning 17th June: Primary Final Assessment Week**
- Thursday 20th June: Y6 Graduation Ceremony 9:30 - 11:00
- Friday 21st June: Summer Fair 14:00 - 15:30 so **Primary School ends at 14:00**
- **Monday 24th June: Holiday - School closed**
- **Wednesday 26th June: Last Day of Summer Term**

Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you so much to all who were able to join us on Friday afternoon. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to see all the amazing work the children had been doing during our English Week. They get so much joy from sharing their work with you and were all very excited about the event. I have put a new folder on the MME Quicklinks Menu so you can see all the wonderful photographs, as there are far too many to include here.

Next week, continuing on our themed weeks, we will be having an Outdoor Learning Week. We will continue with our normal Maths and English classes, but in addition, Ms. Hannah has organised some great activities for the children to do outside. I know the children are going to have an amazing time and of course we will share pictures as always.

Next week also, Y3 have their final trip of the school year, to Fresopolis Farm, which they are all

very excited about.

Then during the week 20th May, we will be holding our annual Spanish Week, which culminates in a party on Friday 24th when we ask the children to come dressed in Spanish style costume and we will have a visitor coming to lead the children in Flamenco Dancing. It is always a fun day with a lot of laughter as the children try to imitate the dance moves. Here is a link which gives you an idea of the clothes the children can wear. [Costumes for Spanish Week](#)

All that remains is to thank you as always for all your support and to wish you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary





Secondary Section

Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 19th April to Thursday 13th June: Y11 and Y13 Exam Season
- Friday 17th May: Y13 Graduation Ceremony
- Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June: **KS3 Comprehensive Exams** in Mathematics,

Science, English, Spanish, Catalan, German, French, & Swedish

- Thursday 23rd May to Wednesday 29th May:
Y10 & Y12 Progress Check Tests
- Friday 7th June: Y6 Transition Day
- Friday 7th June: Y11 Graduation
- 10th - 21st June: Y11 Work Experience
- Friday 21st June 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Summer Fair
- Monday 24th June: Holiday-School Closed
- Tuesday 25th June: End of Year Reports
- Wednesday 26th June: Last Day of Summer Term

Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to enrich the educational experience for our students at the secondary school, we have several important updates and reminders to share with you.

Year 11 Work Experience Program

We are pleased to remind you that Mr. Chris Bennett has organized a work experience program for our Year 11 students. This is an excellent opportunity for them to gain practical insights into the professional world. Please ensure that all required paperwork is submitted by the deadlines previously communicated. Mr. Bennett has also sent out a gentle reminder directly to ensure everyone is on track.

Year 10 Mock Interviews

In preparation for their future career journeys, I have organized a mock job interview experience for the Year 10 students in University Orientation. These interviews are scheduled to start next Tuesday. Mr. Bennett will also participate as an interviewer. This initiative is part of our commitment to equip our students with essential skills for their professional development.

Year 9 and Year 10 Excursion to Barcelona and the Pyrenees

We are excited about the upcoming residential excursion planned for June 12th to 14th. This will

be an enriching experience for students as they explore Barcelona and the Pyrenees. Please note that this trip is limited to 25 students, and spots will be allocated based on the order of submission of the required documentation and payment. The deadline for submissions is May 9th. Ensure your child's participation by submitting the necessary materials promptly.

Year 10 Pre-IB CAS Program

Our Year 10 students are fully engaged in the Pre-IB CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) program. They are actively managing various projects within the school and are encouraged to independently pursue their 'Action' component, particularly in sports, outside of school hours.

Year 7 Non-Uniform Day

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who were awarded a non-uniform day last Friday for their exemplary collaboration during the Primary Sports Day. It was a delightful reward that they thoroughly enjoyed.

Upcoming KS3 Comprehensive Tests

For the parents and guardians of Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 students, please be on the lookout for important information regarding the upcoming KS3 Comprehensive Tests. Revision guides will be sent out next week by the tutors, and I will be publishing the testing timetable shortly.

We appreciate your attention to these matters and your continued support in ensuring that our students make the most of these valuable learning opportunities.

Warm Regards,

Drew Sparkman, MEd

Head of Secondary

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