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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you're well. Thank you for efforts in supporting the school operating plans over the past two Industrial Action days. It was vital to provide study in school for our most senior students who are now starting their summer exam series. Year group specific communications have been sent to those parents and carers of students sitting exams this term and next; I further signpost our exams page on our website [here](#) should you need any additional information as we progress.

As we head into the summer term could I please reinforce the expectation that students arrive promptly to school. Lessons start at 8:50am, still some students, inclusive of those in the Sixth Form, are arriving far too late and missing key learning at the start of Period 1. Gates are open from 8am and students should be onsite before 8:45am so they can make their way to lesson. We have a large site, most blocks spanning three floors - students must allow time to get to their first lesson. Students who arrive late are challenged and sanctioned appropriately however this is still negatively impacting their learning. The canteen, library and many of the pastoral support areas are open before school to support students who arrive nice and early. You can see your child's full attendance record in G4Schools, inclusive of late marks for any recorded session in school.

Please do continue to use our website as a first port of call; it is continually updated not only with recent news stories but holds a vast array of information from our Curriculum to Safeguarding support. All email contact details, inclusive of Tutors, Teaching staff and Senior Leaders is located [here](#). We continue to work hard to have smart and effective lines of communication between all stakeholders. Please be mindful that during the working day the vast majority of staff have large teaching commitments so the best way to communicate with staff at school will be by email.

It just leaves me to wish you all a lovely bank holiday weekend, we at school have enjoyed some light hearted Coronation style activities which can be viewed [here](#)

Many thanks

Mike Lowdell