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Dear Parents/Carers

This half term has gone by so quickly. I would like to congratulate our year 11 and 13 students, now in the middle of their GCSE and A' level exams, for their efforts so far at what can be a stressful time.

I will be writing to you again at the end of the summer term with more news about the life of our school but I want to give you advanced notice of a few changes in place for September:

I have liaised with the Local Authority regarding our school name and, from September, we will be: 'Enfield County School for Girls'. This is a subtle name change from our existing 'Enfield County School' and one that I feel is positive and that reflects who we are.

Our school motto has also evolved a little and, following a number of suggestions and much discussion, will be: 'Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow'. I am looking forward to using this in dialogue with parents, staff and students alongside our school values.

Our school day is also changing slightly, with the school day beginning at 8.40am (students to be in school for 8.35am) and a finish time of 3.20pm. We will no longer have an afternoon break of 20 minutes. Student learning time will not be affected by this with the current five x one hour lessons remaining the same.

Uniform updates for September:

All year 7-11 students must wear black, leather shoes to school. This does not include black plimsolls or trainers; black leather, suede or canvas 'Vans' or 'Converse' style footwear or ankle boots.

All students should wear open, soft collar, 'revere' style blouses. These can be purchased from a wide range of shops. The school shirt with stiff collar that buttons right to the top will no longer be school uniform.

If you are at all uncertain as to either of these items I would ask that you contact your daughter's Head of Year who will be able to clarify this information. I am aware of the financial cost of uniform and I want to ensure that you are able to purchase uniform confident that it meets our school uniform requirement. Guidance regards our school uniform can be found on our school website.

I am sure you will agree that we want our students to leave an excellent lasting impression of our school and a uniform worn well conveys a strong, positive image inside school and out in the wider community.

I have really enjoyed joining Enfield County as Headteacher and meeting your daughters. I look forward to continuing to work with you to support and celebrate our students in being the very best that they can be.

With best wishes

Jennifer Gumbrell
Headteacher