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2nd April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Yr 7 End of Spring Term

This term seems to have flown by, and we have been able to enjoy the lighter evenings and sunshine. I hope that we will continue to have good weather over the Easter holidays, and we can start to look forward to the last summer term. The girls have had a very busy term; a highlight has to have been our visit to Rushall Farm. All the girls had a lovely time, and I can safely say that holding the little lambs was an incredible joy. The staff at the venue commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic the whole cohort were. Despite the harsh weather on one of the days, it seems that the girls thoroughly enjoyed their experience and will have fond memories in years to come.

On Thursday, this week we will celebrate the achievements of our year group at our termly presentation assembly. Holly will be singing a song that she created her own lyrics and music to, called 'Haven'. Thalia will dance to 'Someone You Loved', by Lewis Capaldi. We will have two piano performances from twin sisters; Edie with 'Spring' by Vivaldi and Mirella will play, 'Romanze' by Mozart. Additionally, Aisha will also play a piano cover of 'Darkside' by Alan Walker. Namah, Krit, Eashar and Anika have prepared a presentation about what they learnt at Rushall Farm. Finally, Georgia will also perform a dance to music called 'flying'. It shows incredible courage to stand in front of your peers and perform, so I wish them all the best and will enjoy watching each one.

I have to say a big well done to all of the girls in 7S, as on Monday in the year assembly they spoke about friendships and being kind. This is a particularly important value that we expect, and want everyone to ensure they demonstrate daily to all members of the Holt community. The entire form spoke confidently and well throughout. It really was a great team effort, so well done.

Attendance in Year 7 is fantastic for the majority of the year group, at 97%. I am very grateful to parents/guardians for supporting us in ensuring that your daughters attend regularly, as this good attendance really does make a big difference to their progress. I ask you to continue to encourage your daughter to come in to school unless she is really unwell. Often the distraction of school helps the girls to feel better and it is excellent preparation for adult life when they may not be able to take time off so easily.

Please remember you are welcome to contact the year 7 team via email (year7team@holt.wokingham.sch.uk) or by phone if you have any concerns with your daughter's progress or well-being.

I wish you all a lovely and well-deserved Easter break, and look forward to seeing the girls on Tuesday 23rd April at 8:40am.

Yours sincerely

Ms Herron Head of Year 7