



Dear RBA Families,

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Meet the Tutor and Year 6 SATs Information Evenings this week. A core tenet of our RBA value of Community is building those direct, positive links with you in our shared endeavour to support your children to achieve their very best.

I also would like to make a special plea to the parents and carers of our Year 6 students to please act on the guidance shared on the evening and support your children with their online learning and CGP workbooks. Students who tackle these tasks 'little and often' throughout Year 6 are always the most successful when the summer examinations arrive.

Next, I would like to raise an important online safety matter - we have been made aware that students are being encouraged to join large WhatsApp groups and to upload photos of themselves to those groups. Those pictures are then being put into AI to create fake, often embarrassing images that are circulated around the group and more widely.

Please can I ask that you speak to your children about this, check the groups they are in and remove them from any groups you think are not appropriate. In this way we help to safeguard them from any misuse of their images.

On an environmental note, we are asking if any families have suitable small indoor plants - such as spider plants or money plants (or even cuttings) - that they would be willing to donate to school. Each form class needs one plant to care for as part of a challenge on their RBA Sustainable Bingo Card, so any donations to green up our classrooms would be greatly appreciated!

In related news, we would also like to share information regarding a free local community screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing*, hosted at Shefford House on the following dates:

- **Saturday 17th October at 2:00 pm**
- **Tuesday 20th October at 11:00 am**
- **Wednesday 21st October at 7:00 pm**

Doors open 15 minutes prior to each screening for refreshments. The film lasts 50 minutes and will be followed by an open discussion among attendees about thoughts on the film and actions we can take to make a difference locally. For further details, please visit the [National Emergency Briefing](#) page or watch the [People's Emergency Briefing Teaser Trailer](#). A poster with full details is also attached to this update.



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Looking ahead to next week, a fantastic first half-term is coming to a close, and we have a couple of key activities planned to round it off effectively:

- **Academic Progress Review:** In all subjects, students will be revisiting the 'I Can' statements given to them at the start of their units. They will check the progress they have made over their lessons, celebrating how far they have come and identifying areas to focus on next.
- **First Rewards Event:** On Thursday during the final lesson of the day, we will host our first reward event of the academic year. All students who have consistently lived our VOICE values will be invited to celebrate in their form rooms. In past years we have seen everything from board games and karaoke to chess tournaments and pumpkin carving, and I am really looking forward to seeing our students enjoying themselves this time around!

Finally, a quick operational reminder: road resurfacing works were planned to start today on Bloomfield Drive and George Street. While they did not start, it is worth allowing extra time for travel during drop-off and pick-up once they are in place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

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