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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you had a restful half term. We are looking forward to an activity-filled Summer Term with lots of different challenges and interesting events planned.

This week we have Year 7 Parents' Evenings (Tuesday and Wednesday) ... there is still time to book appointments if you haven't done so already. On Thursday, we have our Values Day. Our value for June is JUSTICE. During the day students will be exploring range of different aspects related to JUSTICE and, in the afternoon, they will come together in House groups to start planning for our Charity afternoon (5th July). NB. This is a Charity Non-uniform Day and all monies collected will go to support the PTFA (there are raffle tickets for the PTFA Summer Raffle on the way too!).

Sports Day is on 19th June and, this year, track events will be taking place from 11.15am-1.00pm – we hope that you might be able to join us to cheer on our runners.

On the 26th June we will be celebrating St Peter and St Paul's Day (a few days in advance of the actual feast day itself - 28th June). We will be visiting the church in Cranfield for a very special service led by Rev Hugh Symes-Thompson. Rev Hugh is retiring in the Summer and we are delighted that he is able to conduct this service for us. Rev Hugh has been a fantastic supporter and governor of the school for over 20 years and we will certainly miss his calm, wise guidance and his spiritual insight and inspiration.

We have been given dates of some parent/carer information sessions which have been set up by CAMHS to help you support your children and young people with emotional wellbeing and mental health issues. Sessions are open to all Bedfordshire parents and you do not need to have a child open to CAMHS to attend. All sessions run from 6pm-8pm:

- [Self-Harm, Suicide, Risk-Taking Behaviours & Self-Medicating \(25th June – King's House, Bedford\)](#)
- [Low Mood \(16th July – Rufus Centre Flitwick\)](#)
- [Teenage Mental Health \(20th August – King's House, Bedford\)](#)

The electronic version of this letter (sent out by email and on our website) has hyperlinks to the relevant flyers. Further details are available from Sarah James (Public Health Senior Practitioner, Children and Young People) Telephone - 0300 3004109.

... and finally, please keep the Brind family in your thoughts and prayers. As you may be aware – Amy (who is in Year 5) was involved in an accident last Friday (24th May). She had to be airlifted to Addenbrooks hospital where she has had a series of operations and treatments to deal with some serious injuries. She is making good progress. Her family (including Ryan in Year 6 and Aiden in Year 7) have asked that we give them time and space and that we don't ask lots of questions ... they're unlikely to be able to answer them at this stage! There will continue to be regular updates on the Wootton Community Facebook page and we will do everything we can to support them all in school.

With all best wishes

Mr MG Simpson



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