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Dear Parents and Carers

It is important that students are as comfortable as possible during the particularly hot weather forecast for this week. Therefore, from Wednesday 18th June, students in Year 7-10 will be given the option of wearing PE kit if they prefer. Please note this is not compulsory (however, see below for additional information for Year 7 and 8 on Friday). Should your child choose to wear PE clothes it is important that they only wear their **school PE kit, with no variations**.

This arrangement will be in place up to and including Friday 20th June, after which the usual uniform expectations will apply. We will, of course, review this should the high temperatures continue.

Year 11 students attending school for exams on Wednesday 18th June should continue to wear full school uniform as they are only on site for a short period of time.

On Friday 20th June, all students in Year 7 and Year 8 will participate in the Spirit Week Olympiad, an exciting event designed to foster our Catholic ethos and esprit des corps. It is essential for all students to wear their PE kits on this day, as this is appropriate for the various activities planned.

Students participating in Challenge Week, starting on 23rd June, have already been informed about the appropriate attire for their respective activities.

It is also sensible for students to take other precautions, for example wearing an appropriate hat at break and lunchtime. In addition, please can you ensure that your child has applied sun cream before they come to school and bring extra with them for re-application during the day.

Hydration in hot weather is also very important. I have noticed that several students have arrived today without water bottles, so I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day. It is also important that they consume sufficient liquid before coming to school. Students can fill their water bottles at the beginning of the day, during break and lunchtime. I am sure you understand that it is not appropriate to have students leaving lessons to fill bottles when there are other opportunities to do this. The school will clearly take a reasonable approach when students request the use of toilet facilities.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Quinn

Headteacher