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Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers,

A quick note to say how wonderful it was to see so many smiling happy faces today for our first Friday face to face!

Some students looked a little nervous as they arrived but by the time they were sorted into half-form groups and got going on their activities, they soon loosened up. It was lovely to see so many reunited with their tutors and having face to face conversations about how they are doing. With some study skills activities, an introduction to mindfulness and wellbeing using dot b (.b) materials and games out in the sunshine on the field with PE teachers, it has been a busy, rather warm morning!

But the best part of all was just to see them all socialising again.

Mr Skinner, Mrs Spencer, tutors, additional volunteers including Heads of House and of course the PE department worked together to make this a lovely opportunity to make contact with the school once before the summer break. I am indebted to them for giving up this additional time on top of what they are already doing to support all of our students.

For the other form groups who have this to look forward to, may I remind parents of the following, particularly the first bit about dropping off your child. Our car park does not count as staying well away from the school!

Journey to and from school

- Parents accompanying children to school are asked to do so singly and to stay well away from the school if dropping off or picking up. (There are additional parking restrictions currently in force outside the school which will help to remind you to drop off and pick up well away from the school gates.) A short walk from a drop-off/pick-up point further away would be a healthy way to begin the day.

Summary of how to prepare for your Friday in school

- Do not come to school if you have any relevant symptoms.
- The morning will run from 8.40 am to 12.00 pm
- Prepare your PE kit to wear on the day
- What to bring:
 - sufficient water to last the day and perhaps a snack for a break (no lunch required and no lunch is provided - this is a morning session only)
 - your own pen, pencil and planner

Reminder of the arrangements:

- Friday 3rd July - 7AMM and 7MCA
- Friday 10th July - 7JEA, 7VJA and 7MGG

Please remember to attend in PE kit, NOT school uniform.

Thank you. For those parents whose children attended today, I hope their feedback is as positive as the impression I have had. For those parents of children yet to attend, I look forward to welcoming your children over the next two Fridays.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Elphick', written in a cursive style.

Steve Elphick
Headteacher