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Dear Parents/Carers

Personal Development, Parents' Evening and Enrichment

As we approach the final weeks of our inaugural year together, we are delighted to be able to celebrate the successes of our journey thus far with several special events, enrichment opportunities and 'next steps' preparations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support this year and hope that you are enjoying being part of our Houlton Family as much as we are! Please see below for a summary of some of the personal development and enrichment activities that will be taking place this term along with some useful information for parents/carers to aid your planning.

Event	Date
Anti-bullying Ambassador Training from the Diana Award	Wednesday 22 June
Year 7 Parents' Evenings on <i>Edulink</i>	Thursday 30 June and 7 July
Warwickshire Y6-7 Transition Day	Wednesday 6 July
Parent/Carer Study Support Evening	Wednesday 13 July
Houlton School Summer Recital	Saturday 16 July
Summer Arts Extravaganza	Monday 18 July (afternoon)
Houlton Summer Soirée	Monday 18 July (evening)
Houlton Sports Day	Tuesday 19 th July

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

At Houlton School we have worked hard to create a culture of innovation, aspiration and excellence. Our pupils have set an exemplary example this year and we are so proud of how they have represented our Houlton Family and shown their understanding of how important it is to accept others, be kind and to show integrity. Our character curriculum has focused on exploring not only our Trust and Houlton School values, but also the British Values by which our society is underpinned. Through our personal development curriculum, we will continue to support our pupils in making positive, healthy choices and exploring their journey through adolescence in a safe and happy manner. Our personal development curriculum forms part of our statutory responsibility to deliver Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) to our pupils. Pupils will, over the course of this half-term, be taking part in PHRSE workshop sessions focused on next steps, choices, careers, healthy and safe behaviours, and age-appropriate RSE.

In common with our approach generally, RSE at Houlton School will be delivered in mixed gender college groups to support us in tackling gender stereotypes and misconceptions alongside age-appropriate sex and safe relationships education. If you would like any support in how to follow up with any of the topics covered in RSE or feel there is anything you would like to discuss that we should be aware of in advance of these sessions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

'Who am I?' Project

Houlton School is an inclusive school, promoting acceptance and kindness over tolerance. Several of our pupils and staff have already signed up to take part in the **'Who am I?'** project, a forum designed to showcase difference and celebrate the individuality of our pupils and staff who are 'the DNA' that make Houlton School so special. Pupils will be recording short videos explaining to others what makes them unique and how they overcome challenges in the hope this will offer encouragement for others to become more confident in themselves to speak out about what makes them proud to be who they are. The videos will be used to support our pupils both next year and in years to come and we will be sharing some of our clips with parents/carers over the coming weeks.

Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training from the Diana Award

On **Wednesday 22 June** we will be hosting over 150 pupils and colleagues from local schools who will be trained by the Diana Award Team as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. We are delighted that our twenty Houlton Ambassadors will be part of the training event and will work with us to support well-being and the promotion of kindness across our school now and for the years to come. Pupils involved will be off timetable all day and will be accredited with the training award by the Diana Award team.

Year 7 Parents' Evenings on Edulink

Thursday 30 June and **Thursday 7 July** are our Parents' Evenings from **4.00-7.00pm** you will shortly be receiving your child's Year 7 Progress Report. Following the issue of the report, you will be able to book a ten minute slot on *Edulink* for an online appointment with your child's form tutor(s) to talk about their progress so far this year. Given the nature of our context, it won't be possible to have appointments with individual teachers, as unlike in an established school, all teachers at Houlton teach at least 180 pupils, and some double this number, so this is not logistically practical. However, should you have items you would like to follow up after the discussion with your child's tutor you can, of course, contact individual teachers, just as you can at any time via *Edulink*. In order for tutors to be able to see all 30 pupils in their colleges, 15 slots will be available on each of the evenings on a first come, first served basis.

Year 6 Transition Day

On **Wednesday 6 July** all pupils across Rugby will be involved in the Year 6 transition event. We will be welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to join us for the day to experience Houlton School for the first time. Our current Year 7 pupils will be involved in various parts of the day and will get the chance to meet their new Year 7 buddy. Pupils will need to come with their usual equipment for the day but will not be in their timetabled lesson for period 5. Please be aware that we will have double the volume of traffic coming onto site that day as parents/carers drop off and collect from the site, so your support with calm, kind and safe use of the car park/Signal Drive is appreciated.

Parent/Carer Study Support Evening

On **Wednesday 13 July** parents/carers are invited to join us for our first Houlton School Study Support Evening. The purpose of the event is to share some advice and tools to equip parents/carers to support pupils in their studies, personal development and LORIC skills. The evening will contain presentations on our LORIC curriculum with a focus on supporting pupils to build independence whilst studying at home. The evening will also contain information on how to help pupils develop their vital literacy and numeracy skills as they progress into Year 8. Our pupils, as part of this event, will be showcasing their LORIC EPQ project work in a marketplace style showcase which parents/carers can see before and after the presentations in the Power Hall Refectory. Our Study Support presentation will be held in the Power Hall Auditorium and is targeted at parents/carers.

We politely request due to seating capacity that a maximum of two members of any one family attend in the time slot for each college shown below. Pupils who wish to attend to present their LORIC EQP project in person will be in the marketplace area whilst the presentation for their college takes place.

If you are unable to attend at your child's college time please contact us.

5.00pm Presentation	Morse	Shakespeare	Dorsey
6.15pm Presentation	Winton	Obama	Armstrong

Houlton School Summer Recital

On **Saturday 16 July at 1.30pm** Houlton School will host an afternoon of music, featuring performances from the Houlton School Choir. We are delighted to also welcome the Huntingdonshire Guitar Ensemble who will be playing in the first half of the recital. All proceeds from the Summer Recital will be given to support the Houlton School Music Department. We are thrilled that our new Head of Music, Mr Hunter will be supporting the event and hope to welcome not only our Houlton Family but members of the wider the community to join us.

Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay or on the door and are priced at £5 (£3 concessions). Refreshments will be available to be purchased and will be provided by our *Friends of Houlton School*.

The Summer Extravaganza

We have been overwhelmed by the incredible talent our pupils have brought to our Houlton Family. After the roaring success of the Festive Extravaganza earlier in the year, we will be hosting our next showcase event in the afternoon of **Monday 18 July**. Pupils from various co-curricular clubs will come together to perform and our fantastic school photographer will be there to capture it all to ensure parent/carers do not miss out. The afternoon will include performances from Acting Club, Dance Club, The Houlton School Choir, Public Speaking Club and more... we cannot wait to see the show!

The Summer Soirée

Houlton School's Summer Soirée will take place on **Monday 18 July**. Our pupils have been working hard alongside the *Friends of Houlton School* to plan our first ever Year 7 Soirée celebration event. We are excited to take this opportunity to celebrate the year with our pupils and give them a special event to remember all they have achieved and can be proud of. Pupils have decided what they would like for the Summer Soirée and have taken on the responsibility for planning the event and writing the dress code and code of conduct which will be made available to parents/carers later this term. The event will take place in the Power Hall Refectory and Auditorium. Tickets are now available to be purchased on ParentPay at a cost of £8 and is open only to Year 7 Houlton School pupils.



Monday 18 July (📡) 5.15–7.45pm (📡) Tickets £8 (📡) Year 7 Pupils

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Sports Day

On **Tuesday 19th July** Houlton School will be hosting our first ever Sports Day! Pupils are already engaged in healthy competition across their colleges to earn points in advance of the day. Miss Hartfield and Mr Williams have been planning some fun and innovative events designed to include everyone (including the staff!) and to ensure we all have lots of fun. Results and photos of the event will be available for parents/carers on our social media platform following the day and details of essential kit will be sent out from our PE team in advance of the day.

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead and to sharing our special events with you. We are excited to expand our family further next year and will be in touch with the arrangements for the start of the next academic year in due course.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above events, please do not hesitate to contact us on hello@houltonschool.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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