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Dear Parents/Carers

Eid:

Across the Washwood Heath Multi Academy Trust, students, who are celebrating, will be given leave of absence for Friday 15th June to celebrate Eid. Please be aware that we can only give one day of leave. Any student taking other days to celebrate or those who are absent but are not of the Muslim faith will be deemed to have an unauthorised absence and normal school procedures will follow, which can lead to legal proceedings.

We wish all families celebrating Eid Mubarak. A reminder to Year 11 parents to see the letter uploaded on Friday about this day.

Dimension Day:

This is a very important day for the education of the students as we have the opportunity to explore important issues in more depth than in normal lessons.

Year 7 will be focussing on bullying. We have decided to use a video which raises many important issues. It is based on real examples of cyber-bullying (not from our school), which includes language which is unacceptable. The language is 'bleeped' out and blanked out in the subtitles. The reason that the language is there at all is because it was used in the actual cyber-bullying. The teachers will make clear that this language is unacceptable. If you have concerns about this, please contact Mr White or myself. The video can be viewed on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URvC6T_xhE0

Thank you for your support with this.

Please be aware that on Tuesday 26th June the Academy will be assessed for the Gold recognition as an UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School. This would be a major achievement if we are awarded this. We were the first Birmingham secondary school to be awarded the Level 1 (now known as 'Silver') award and the quickest to achieve it. The move to Gold would be another great achievement and I would like to thank the many parents who have supported us, whether as members of the working group or in supporting particular activities.

Best wishes and, to those celebrating, Eid Mubarak.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Weir
Head of Academy