



# Malbank School and Sixth Form College



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**15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## **Heat warning – Monday and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July**

Dear Parents/carers,

You will no doubt have seen on the news that we expect very high temperatures next week on Monday and Tuesday. As such I wanted to share with you our plans to help support students on these days in addition to asking for your support in assisting our young people to prepare in advance.

As we have been doing throughout this week, we will continue to provide access to large water containers around the site for students to top up their water bottles. They are available both on the main yard and on the back field during. To supplement this, we will be setting up additional shaded areas through the use of gazebos particularly on the back field and will also be stockpiling an enormous quantity of ice pops for students to purchase at cost price on the two days. Our site team will also be maximising ventilation around the site as soon as they open the building to make sure that rooms are as cool as possible.

To prepare for the hot weather, I implore parents to ask students not only to not wear their blazers next week – but to not bring them on site at all. No matter how much we tell students it is ok not to wear them, so many continue to do so and we need to try to reduce this next week.

Students should all come to school with a pre-filled water bottle and start the day off as hydrated as possible having had a good breakfast. When people do faint in the heat, the most frequent cause is the heat combined with a lack of food and water so this is something we can tackle in advance. Students should also wear sun cream and are very welcome to wear a hat to help them cover up from the sun.

For our enrichment days on Monday, students in non-uniform should take the opportunity to dress in loose fitting cool clothing – it is definitely a day where fashion needs to take a back seat compared to comfort. All trips to external sites such as Chester Zoo and Alton Towers will run as planned, however we will talk students through heat safety advice on the bus and once more on arrival. Again, it is essential that students have water to drink, appropriate clothing and sun cream.

Many thanks in advance for your support – enjoy the lovely weekend weather!

Yours,

Mr Harrison  
Headteacher  
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