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Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Another week has flown by, ending with a heatwave that has certainly kept our local paddling pool and ice lolly manufacturers in business!

In this week's letter, I wanted to focus on community partnerships as these are so important for both our curriculum offer and to take us one step closer to our school vision "to inspire breakthroughs in the way society enables children with complex needs to find true fulfilment". With this in mind, we are delighted to be entering our Community Experience Fortnight next Monday, in which pupils across our Secondary Phase will have the opportunity to access a range of internal and external work and community experiences that have been carefully selected to suit the interests of our wonderfully diverse pupil population. We are delighted to be offering a range of personalised experiences with local community partners including shops, restaurants, cafes, schools, libraries, leisure centres, animal rescue centres and local businesses. We have also organised a number of internal opportunities, from work shadowing to workshops delivered by hairdressers, gardeners, nail technicians, catering companies, artists, police officers, storytellers, Transport for London, window cleaners, banks and the Fire Service. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped so far and we look forward to sharing the successes with you soon.

Secondly, it is with real pleasure that we share a collaborative project with Rose Bruford College and please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see the latest film. I think that it speaks for itself in terms of message and I hope you enjoy watching it.

And finally, as we continue to plan a range of exciting events for the remainder of the term, please remember that our School Fair will be taking place on Saturday, 2nd July at Riverside SPC (for the whole school) and we would love to see you all.

In the following days: Tuesday 5th July at Beckenham and West Wickham; Wednesday 6th July at Riverside SPC (Primary) and Wednesday 13th July at Riverside SPC (Secondary), you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class team for September. Appointments will be arranged between 4-7pm and you will have the option of a face-to-face meeting on site, or if it suits you better, a meeting via Zoom. Your child's new class teacher will be in touch with you a few days before Parents' Evenings to make the necessary arrangements.

Have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,

Steve Solomons Headteacher



