



JWW/LRG

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Dear Parent,

World Cup

We have given full consideration to the suggestion that we allow pupils to watch the England v Slovenia match on Wednesday afternoon. We are very mindful of educational priorities, even at this stage of the school year, and have looked very carefully at the implications of any decision. We have been adamant that it should not interfere with important academic commitments or other prior arrangements. We have also deferred making a decision until the outcome of Friday's lacklustre match was known.

We have ultimately decided to begin teaching the afternoon's lessons at 1.40pm, so that only the final period of the 9-lesson day is lost; we have also verified that the subjects normally taught during this period have not lost time for other reasons recently. Lower Sixth Games will also go ahead between 1.40 and 2.50, and Community Service placements will be honoured.

From 3pm, pupils will have the opportunity either to watch the match with others in the community, or to watch a film together. Pupils will be free to leave at 4pm, and buses will run as normal. However, many may wish to stay on to watch the full game, particularly if the outcome of the match and England's passage into the next round are still uncertain! The second half will therefore also be broadcast in full.

Whether you are a passionate fan or not, I hope you will agree that this concession to pupils (many of whom are both passionate and patriotic!) will enable us to celebrate or commiserate with much of the nation. Let us hope that the quality of football justifies it!

Yours sincerely,

J W Watson
Headmaster