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Years 12 and 13

Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring Term Letter

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after what I hope was a very enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday. This is a very important term, particularly for Year 13, with the final push towards A-Level examinations already upon us.

Last term was incredibly busy and I would like to thank everybody for their hard work and support. It was wonderful to see our Sixth Form students taking centre stage in the wider life of the school.

The Christmas Market was once again a real success, with impressive hot chocolate and gingerbread sales. We also had the welcome addition of a Pantomime and a Pyjama Day! The Sixth Form Carol Concert was also well supported with several students performing poetry and a range of musical numbers. These events are at the heart of our community; it was wonderful to see so many students taking part with enthusiasm.

Year 13 students have now completed their UCAS applications. As a school, we have submitted around 100 applications with many students beginning to receive offers already. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the tutor team for their hard work in ensuring that each student had a highly personalised and positive reference; it is clear that every student is known and valued.

Of course, not all students choose to go to university. For those students still unsure of their future pathways careers interviews are available. Students should contact me or Mrs Roberts directly if they wish to arrange an appointment. These appointments are particularly useful for students considering applying for jobs, apprenticeships, or gap years.

The Autumn Data Point is now available for you to view on Bromcom. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to celebrate progress and set targets for improvement. My team and I will be reviewing this data carefully, supporting students who need additional help in achieving their target grades. We have also held a number of academic mentoring sessions for both year groups so that all students are aware of their progress and have set targets for the term ahead. If you are concerned about the progress of a student please feel free to contact me

Our PSHE curriculum this term will once again help students to prepare for life after school. This term Year 12 will be covering a range of topics including fake news and revision techniques, along with a range of lessons regarding relationships. These lessons include body image, pregnancy and fertility, and misogyny. Students will be fully briefed on the content of these sessions prior to their delivery. Year 13 will have sessions covering revision whilst beginning their "Life Skills" lessons. In addition, students will start planning their Leavers' celebrations. A full outline of our PSHE programme can be found on the website.

Attendance in Sixth Form has generally been good. However, punctuality is something that we can certainly improve upon. All students should be in their form rooms at 9.00am. It is vitally important that students attend registration so that Form Tutors can pass on messages and deliver tutorials with regards to revision, EPQ studies and current affairs. Of course, lateness is something that would simply not be tolerated at University or in the world of work. I believe it is imperative that we prepare students thoroughly for the future and punctuality is an essential aspect of this. Students may have privileges removed if they are continually late. I appreciate your support in ensuring that pupils arrive to school on time. In addition, in order for absences to be authorised we need confirmation and on occasion medical evidence from a parent or guardian.

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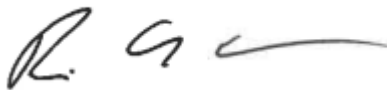
A number of students have now passed their driving tests and are driving to school. Of course, learning to drive and passing your driving test are wonderful rites of passage experienced by young adults. Should students wish to park at school they must see me for a parking permit. This allows students to park in the rear carpark. Students are not permitted to park in the carpark at the front of the school. I appreciate that some students will park off site. In addition, students are allowed to drive off site at lunchtime. If your child is a licenced driver, they must take full responsibility for the safety of any passengers. It is the passengers' responsibility to check with their parents that they are permitted to travel with other students. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students are respectful, courteous and most importantly safe drivers.

A large number of students are employed part time outside of school. The transferable skills gained in employment are of course invaluable. However, I would like to remind students and parents that the school recommends that students should not be employed for more than eight hours a week. Employment that exceeds this recommendation can start to have a serious impact on students' progress and ultimately their results. A Level study should in itself be a part time job; we recommend that every hour in lessons is matched by an hour of personal study.

Should you have any concerns or questions at any point during the year, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If your query is subject specific, you may wish to contact the relevant Head of Faculty directly in order to try to resolve any issues as early as possible. As Head of Year I will endeavour to respond to phone calls and emails as quickly as possible. However, I do also have teaching commitments in addition to my role as Head of Year and this may not always be possible. I will aim however, to return your call as soon as possible and, if needed, arrange a mutually convenient appointment here at school.

I look forward to continuing working in partnership with you throughout this term.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Noon
Head of Year 12 and 13