



20 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we complete the first few weeks of the new academic year. It's been wonderful to see students settle into their routines, with all now enjoying a full rotation of their timetables. In particular it has been great to see so many students enthusiastically engaging with new subjects and courses, especially those in Year 7 and Year 12. The start of a new academic journey always brings excitement and fresh opportunities and we are delighted with how well they have adapted to these changes.

All students have now participated in their first college assembly, setting the tone for the year ahead. I am excited to witness the wider achievements that will undoubtedly follow, beginning with the Race for Life event next Friday. This annual occasion is always a fantastic way for our community to come together and make a positive impact, and I look forward to seeing as many students as possible taking part.

It was also a pleasure to meet many of you at our Year 7 and Year 12 information evenings this week. I hope you found these sessions both informative and valuable, particularly the chance to meet your child's Tutor, who plays such an important role in supporting both you and your child throughout the year.

As always, I encourage you to visit our school website for any information you may need and to stay up to date with the latest news and events. Go4Schools continues to be our main source of live data and communication, where you can track your child's timetable, attendance, behaviour, and reporting records as they are published. For parents and carers of students in Years 10 and 12, targets have now been set and will be live for you to see at the end of the day. A reminder that the first full report of the year is at the end of December.

General Housekeeping Reminders

As we move through the term, your support is essential in helping students thrive. Please ensure:

- Full uniform is worn correctly each day, and your child is equipped with the necessary materials for learning
- Punctuality remains a priority, with students arriving at school no later than 8:40 am
- Attendance is maximised as being in school every day where possible is crucial for your child's progress
- Parking in the front car park is done responsibly, using designated bays and avoiding the first lane closest to the building unless you have prearranged access.

A thank you in advance if your child is helping with Open Evening next Wednesday, they are always brilliant ambassadors for our community, prospective parents always value meeting our current students who never fail to impress.

Have a great weekend.



Mike Lowdell
Headteacher