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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a peaceful and refreshing break over the festive period. It has been a real pleasure to welcome students back to school this week and to see them re-engage so positively with learning. Classrooms have been vibrant and focused with students returning ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the New Year.

As we move further into the spring term, there is much to look forward to and a number of important dates ahead. I would encourage you to check the school website and calendar regularly to keep fully informed about upcoming events and key information.

A few important notes for the term ahead include:

- Subject Evenings – These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to speak directly with subject teachers about your child's progress and next steps. Further details, including booking arrangements, will be shared via the calendar in due course
- KS4 and KS5 Mock Examinations – Our mock examination window commences on the 2 February for students in Years 10 (RE only) 11, 12 and 13. These assessments play an essential role in helping students prepare thoroughly for their summer examinations, and it has been encouraging to see the focus, maturity and determination many students have already demonstrated
- Year Leader communications – Please continue to look out for year group specific messaging to best support the most important communications relevant to your child
- Please continue to make use of Go4Schools for up-to-date information on timetables, attendance and progress, as well as for accessing reports when they are released
- Punctuality to school – I can't stress enough the vital importance of students being on site well before their lesson start time of 8:45am. Students should be sat down in class learning at 8:45am, teachers welcome all into class at 8:40am. Students late often miss out on key information at the start of lesson and interrupt those who have arrived to lesson on time. We always see more students arrive by car during the winter months; traffic will increase so please plan accordingly. Parents and carers, if driving your children to school, should drop off students well in advance of lesson – the gates and all facilities are open from 8am.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support as we begin what promises to be another successful and purposeful term.

I look forward to seeing many of you at school events over the coming weeks and months.

With best wishes.

Mike Lowdell
Headteacher