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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to say thank you for your continued support. It has been an action packed few weeks, and we are incredibly proud of how our students have represented the school.

A real highlight was the official opening of our new dance studios by our CEO Nicole McCartney. The celebration included a fantastic performance from students across Years 7-13, featuring a rehearsal preview of The Addams Family. The talent and confidence on display were exceptional, and our summer show is already shaping up to be a must-see event!

As we look ahead to next term, I would like to share a few friendly reminders.

Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and the sense of belonging and pride it gives our students. Most students wear their uniform beautifully and thank you for your support with this. Recently, we have noticed a few items being worn that are not permitted.

Please remember that **necklaces, bracelets, and hoop or dangly earrings** are not allowed to be worn in school. Students will be asked to remove these items, and the school cannot take responsibility for lost property. We kindly ask that these items are left at home.

We also expect **blazers to be worn and shirts tucked in** throughout the school day, this will be a key focus for all students on return to school as we continue to raise standards in our school. Wearing uniform smartly helps students develop pride in themselves, supports a focused learning environment, and prepares them for expectations beyond school.

Mobile phones

Our mobile phone initiative has been very successful. Students have adapted well to using their Yondr pouches, and we are proud of the maturity they have shown. Reducing phone access during the school day helps students stay focused and supports their wellbeing - an approach that is now being encouraged nationally.

Recently a small number of students have been handing phones into reception instead of using their pouch. Unfortunately, we are not able to store phones securely and cannot take responsibility for them. Nor do we have the staffing capacity to organise collection and dispatch at the end of the day. Phones should remain in Yondr pouches during the school day.



If a student returns after half term without their pouch, a **£15 replacement fee will apply**, as outlined in our policy. Replacement pouches can be purchased via Arbor Pay. Thank you for helping us maintain this system for the benefit of all students.

Online conduct – Tik Tok

You may recall my recent communication regarding inappropriate comments about staff being shared online. We are again asking for your support in reinforcing respectful online behaviour with your child. We take this matter seriously in order to protect both staff and students, and incidents may be referred to the police where necessary. Regularly checking your child's online activity can make a real difference.

Year 11 and Year 13

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have completed their mock examinations. We are pleased to offer a comprehensive intervention programme over the February half term to support preparation for summer exams, and we strongly encourage your child to attend.

Every school day counts

Thank you for continuing to support strong attendance - it really does make a difference. Every school day helps build your child's learning, confidence, friendships, and essential life skills.

Even small absences can build up over time, so regular attendance gives children the best chance to stay confident and keep progressing:

- **95% attendance means around 9 days of learning missed**
- **90% attendance is nearly 4 weeks of learning missed**
- **85% attendance is over 5 weeks of learning missed**

Please continue to encourage your child to attend school regularly. If you ever need support or advice, please do reach out to your child's year team, we are here to work in partnership with you to support our students and families.

Finally, school finishes at the normal time on Friday 13 February, and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 23 February.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Sandham
Principal