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Dear Parent, Carer

We would like to thank you for all your support this term. Following our great successes in the summer where outgoing Year 11 students achieved the best ever results in GCSEs, the current Year 11 students are the first to take the new, more rigorous, GCSEs in many of the foundation subjects. This has meant that we have placed greater demands on all our KS4 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 by expecting them to attend compulsory boosters and to complete comprehensive homework activities over every holiday period in addition to weekly homework activities. The winter vacation will be no exception.

In turn, KS3 students have a tougher curriculum in order to ensure that they are equipped to commence all new GCSEs. There have been homework clubs set up in KS3 to encourage the development of a strong work ethic and many students have taken advantage of this support.

6th Form students are also facing new A level qualifications where the final assessment at the end of the two years of study will test all their skills and knowledge. These too have been reformed and expectations have been raised. Consequently we have enabled a 6th period on most days for additional support for our students. A level students will be taking mock examinations from the 8th January and hence continuous study and revision is imperative for success in these examinations which decide final entries.

All students have worked hard this term and we hope that they will enjoy the winter break, albeit with some homework to complete.

End of term arrangements – Autumn 2017

All 6th form students will have their final lessons on Wednesday 20th December periods 1 to 6 and then will commence their winter vacation from Thursday onwards.

Years 7 to 11 and International group students will also have their final day of term on Wednesday 20th December. Students will come in for periods 1 to 5 and achievement assemblies will take place on this day. They will be released at the end of the school day to commence their winter break.

We will all return to school on Monday 8th January 2018 to commence the term at 8.20am with a normal school day.

Spring & Summer Term 2018 dates for your diary:

Monday 8 th January 2018	Year 13 and International Group Mock Exams begin
Wednesday 10 th January 2018	Year 11 will have a 6 th Form Taster Day
Thursday 18 th January 2018	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 23 rd January 2018	IEAP Day, Year 11 6 th Form interviews
Thursday 25 th January 2018	International Group Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 th January 2018	Year 8 Options Fayre
Wednesday 31 st January 2018	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 9 th February 2018	INSET day

Half term break – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018

Monday 19 th February 2018	Year 10 Mock Exams begin
Wednesday 21 st February 2018	Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 14 th March 2018	Year 8 Options Evening (GCSE choices)
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 29 th March 2018	INSET Day

Easter vacation: Spring term ends on Wednesday 28th March and summer term begins on Monday 16th April 2018.

Easter revision – this will run during the Easter break, dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

Wednesday 18 th April 2018	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 th 2018	International Evening
Wednesday 2 nd May 2018	IEAP Day

Half term break – Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018.

Wednesday 20 th June 2018	INSET Day
Monday 25 th June 2018	Year 10 and Year 12 commence mock exams
Thursday 28 th June 2018	Year 11 NRA
Thursday 5 th July 2018	6 th Form Prom
Monday 9 th July 2018	Year 12 commence work experience
Friday 13 th July 2018	Year 10 commence work experience
Monday 16 th July 2018	Year 9 workshadow day
Tuesday 17 th July 2018	KS3 Sports Day
Exact end of term times to be communicated nearer the time. Term will end for all by Friday 20 th July 2018.	

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break over the winter vacation. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements above please do not hesitate to contact us on 0208 875 2600.

Yours faithfully



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