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Dear Parent/Carers,

In this letter:

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Celebrating The First Half Term

We are thrilled with the start our students have made to the new academic year, and we have seen some truly positive indicators that reflect this. We have seen Attendance clearly increase relative to the same point last year (but remains a key priority), and the ratio of positive to negative points on ClassCharts has been significantly higher, too. We have truly noticed the incredibly positive 'feel' around the school site.

This month, we hosted a School Review with colleagues from within and beyond the Ted Wragg Trust. The review team praised the “extensive improvements” made to our curriculum, including the success of the move to the longer 95-minute lessons. They found calm, purposeful classrooms where students settle quickly to learning and recognised that the focus on high-quality work in books has had “significant impact with high expectations for all students.”

The review noted that further improvements in behaviour, perceiving it as “calm and respectful,” and the move to year group hubs, is helping our pastoral teams build strong relationships with students. Reviewers also celebrated our “very broad range of enrichment opportunities,” from sports, music, and the school production to trips.

I could not be more proud of our students. They are the most wonderful ambassadors for our school, and a genuine pleasure to work with.

Please also take a moment to read today’s Parent & Carer News which accompanies this letter.

Site Security Before and After School

We would like to remind families of the times during which students are supervised by staff on site. The school site is secure between 8.00am and 3.00pm each day. Outside these hours, unless your child is taking part in an organised school activity such as a club, rehearsal, or fixture, we do not have staff in place to provide the same level of supervision and safeguarding. Shortly after 4.00pm, members of the community also begin arriving to use the college’s facilities for lettings and community activities.



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We therefore ask that students do not arrive before 8.00am and that they leave the site promptly at the end of the day unless they are attending a supervised activity. If you have any concerns about arrangements for your child before or after school, please contact us and we will be happy to talk them through with you.

Activity Week 2027: 7th to 9th July 2027

We are excited to share that Activity Week 2027 will feature a new two-stage booking process. Following feedback from students and families, we have increased our range of residential trips and improved our booking system to make the process fairer and less stressful for students and families.

Tier 1 will launch in **November** and will include all residential trips. **Tier 2** will launch in **January** and will include our full programme of onsite activities and offsite day trips. Please keep an eye out for further information after half term, including details of the exciting opportunities on offer and how to secure a place.

Payment and ClassCharts Issues Earlier This Week

We are aware that some families experienced difficulties with our online payment systems earlier this week. These were caused by a combination of national local 'glitches', and we believe all services are now fully restored. Please be reassured that no student would ever go without food during the school day; if you are unable to top up your child's account for any reason, we will always make arrangements to ensure they are fed.

ClassCharts was also affected by the global IT issues earlier this week but is now fully up and running again. Thank you for your patience while these problems were being resolved, and please do get in touch if you continue to experience any difficulties.

Equipment Reminder for Next Half Term

We were delighted to see a clear reduction in the number of students arriving at lessons without the correct equipment, and we would like to thank families for their support with this. Half term is an ideal opportunity to check that your child has everything they need, so that they can return to school ready to learn from the very first lesson. As a reminder, students should have the following with them every day:

- A secure, named waterproof bag that can carry everything required.
- A suitable dark-coloured waterproof coat for bad weather, worn over the jumper.
- Two black pens for writing
- A purple pen for responding to teacher feedback.
- A highlighter
- A pencil, rubber, ruler, and pencil sharpener
- A protractor for Maths (compasses are provided by the school in Maths lessons)
- A clear, see-through pencil case to hold the above
- A calculator (available at a discounted price from the Accounts Office)
- Coloured pencils or felt tips, if possible
- Their Student Planner and a reading book (an Accelerated Reader book at a suitable level)

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support this half term. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive parent community, and the partnership between home and college makes a real difference to our students. We are very much looking forward to everything the next half term has to offer, and in the meantime, we wish you and your families a very happy half-term break.



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