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Dear parents

I am writing to update you on a number of things, including the progress we have made since our Ofsted inspection last May.

As you know, we have introduced a new assessment cycle and you will have received your son's or daughter's first monitoring report recently. Following those reports the progress of all students has been analysed and heads of department have submitted action plans to me to demonstrate how they will ensure progress continues, or improves for each student.

We were visited by the Department of Education last week. This visit was helpful to us in making sure we are fully prepared for our next Ofsted visit which we are expecting before we break up for Christmas.

Student attendance and punctuality continue to be a priority for us. We are pleased that year 11 attendance overall is very good and the attendance in the sixth form exceptional. In year 10 however, overall attendance is below the level we need to see. Whilst this is predominantly down to a few students there are still a large number of students with attendance of below 95%. One of the most significant facts revealed in the latest data analysis is the poor progress of students with low attendance. Often these students are very academically capable but if they are not in school, they can't learn. Every lesson counts at this crucial stage. If your son or daughter has attendance below 95% please do your best to support us in getting them into school every day. Mrs. Goodwin, our attendance officer will be able to advise you on this.

We are coming up to the next round of milestone assessments. Year 10 assessments will take place next week (commencing 3 December) and year 11 will have their mock exams the following week. The mock exams are the first practice run of GCSEs and it is really important that all students prepare for these by following a revision programme and prioritising revision in the lead up to and during the exams. The sixth form will have their assessments during the last week of term, with year 13 taking their mocks in February.

Most of our year 13 have now submitted their UCAS applications and are already receiving offers from universities. It is an exciting time for them. If your son or daughter has still not submitted their application, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible so that they don't miss out on the places that are already being filled.



We will be breaking up on Friday 21st December. Students will be dismissed at 12.30p.m. Students will return to school on **Tuesday January 8th**. This is to allow for a staff training day on Monday 7th January where the staff will receive additional training to ensure that we are able to move out of our Ofsted category as soon as possible.

In advance of our Ofsted visit, I would be extremely grateful if you would complete the Ofsted Parents' Survey which can be accessed on the link below. This helps us to understand parents views and to ensure that we are doing all we can to provide the best educational experience for your daughters and sons.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support and to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



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