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IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS GOES HOME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we continue our spring term here at school, I would like to share the following information with you:

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

We are now in a crucial period for our students who are preparing for external examinations in the summer. Modular tests, final coursework deadlines and vital exam technique under pressure of time will feature highly in all subjects. Many students will be offered "catch-up" and improvement sessions before, during and after normal school hours. A variety of mentoring schemes will be in place between now and the summer to help all our students to maximise their performance in final examinations. This is never easy and there will be conflicts of time, interest and points of view but I really hope that if we can work well together for the next few months then everyone will benefit when the results are published in August. I hope as many **Year 11 parents and carers** as possible will join us for our Examination Information Evening at **6.00p.m on Monday 14th March** in the school theatre where we will try to share with you what all our roles are in getting the right results for our young people.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Now that the very extreme winter weather is behind us, I would like to remind you that normal school rules about uniform and appearance apply at all times. I would therefore ask you to support us in maintaining good standards by reminding your sons and daughters that boots, trainers, scarves, gloves, hats, inappropriate trousers, sweatshirts/jumpers other than school ones, piercings and non-natural hair colours are ***not*** allowed at school. If you are uncertain about any aspect of our school policy on this please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Year Learning Manager to check before purchasing items which may not be allowed. If we can keep communication open over this it will avoid difficulties and disagreements later.

SOUTH AFRICA PROJECT

The valentine's day raffle in aid of the South Africa Project team has been drawn and both prizes have now been claimed. Thank you very much to all the parents, pupils and staff who have supported us and helped to raise £84 towards project costs. Another big thank you to all the parents and staff who bought refreshments from our stall at Year 10 parents evening, which raised another £88 on the evening. The team will be holding a series of events throughout the rest of the school year, and your continued generous support is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU!





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VALUABLE ITEMS

I have written to you previously about concerns we have about valuable items that students bring to school. A small number of students continue to cause some difficulties by inappropriate use of mobile phones and MP3 players in class. If disruption to learning occurs these items will be confiscated and in some cases students will be forbidden to bring them to school again. Thank you in advance for your support in prioritising learning for all our students in this matter.

TARGET REVIEW DAY

We will shortly (**Tuesday 8th March**) be holding our target review day for all students here at school. On this important day students will have an appointment with their Form Tutor to discuss progress since their personal targets were set in October. Most students will be at school for approximately 90 minutes and will be allowed to leave the site once their action plan has been written and agreed. If students wish to remain in school longer there will be places for them to be supervised. Some students preparing examination courses in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 may be asked to work in school all day to complete coursework or controlled assessments. We will publish further details about this day soon, and if you have any questions or queries about the day please contact us here at school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 rd March	5.00-8.00	Y7 Parents' Consultation Evening
Monday 7 th March	6.00-8.00	Y9 Option Choices Evening
Tuesday 8 th March		Target Review Day (time-table suspended)
Monday 14 th March	6.00	Y11 exam information evening
Friday 18 th March		Red Nose Day (Non Uniform)
Thursday 24 th March	5.00-8.00	Y8 Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 25 th March	7.30-10.00	Y7, 8, 9 Disco
Friday 8 th April	12.30	End of Term (Non Uniform)
Mon 11th-Mon 25th April		Easter Vacation
Tuesday 26 th April	8.50	Start of Summer Term
Friday 29 th April		Royal Wedding (School Closed)
Monday 2 nd May		May Day (School Closed)

Chris Leach
Headteacher