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Dear Families

As we settle into the final half term of the year, I wanted to give you an update on some important information relating to the new school year, as well as drawing attention to some of what students have to look forward to later this term.

As a school, we are always considering ways in which we can develop and help realise our ambitious vision for all students. As such, there are some key developments being introduced in the new academic year. These include:

- We have completed a review of our assessment procedures at key stage 3. The aim of this is to support students and families having a better understanding of the knowledge and skills students are acquiring as they progress through years 7-9 in a move away from a 27 point K-step, numerical scale.
- We have also reviewed aspects of our culture for learning. This is an important annual task for all schools and for us it gives an opportunity to continue our focus on ensuring high expectations of behaviour, including uniform, are consistently applied across the school.
- A move to the next phase of our upgrades to school security. This began last year with the gradual phasing in of electronic door locks and passes for staff. This next phase will include new security fencing around the perimeter of the school and secure entrances and exits.
- A review of our mobile phone/electronic device policy in light of government guidance\*
- A review of our school day, again in light of government legislation\*

*\*These final two elements are explained in more detail in a letter that will follow, from Mr Street.*

We have also now received our draft Ofsted report and expect to be able to share the findings with you before the end of term.

If you would like to hear more about these developments in person, including detail around our school development priorities for the coming year, we would like to invite families to a presentation evening. This will take place on Monday 8 July 2024 at 5.00pm. Numbers are limited but if you would like to book a place to attend [please click here](#).

Our students have plenty to look forward to this term including rewards activities; sports days and summer sports fixtures. We have our annual Art Exhibition; Year 11 and 13 proms, transition events for moving into sixth form, trips, visits and of course our annual Curriculum Enhancement Days towards the end of term. The term will come to an end with a celebration of all students' achievements in our end of year graduation and celebration assemblies. All key dates will be published in the families bulletin.

Yours sincerely

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