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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back this week; this half-term is a fairly short one and it is important that we hit the ground running. Thank you for all your support in ensuring that students returned with the correct equipment and were in full school uniform. There are still some students who we are having to remind of our expectations, and we appreciate your support with this.

A key focus for us this half-term is ensuring that good learning habits are established and developed in classrooms. We started the new calendar year with a whole school virtual assembly where I talked about some of the challenges with setting new year's resolutions and some of the evidence around how best to establish good habits, I also talked about why we have certain rules and expectations in our community and how these fit in with our core values of respect and responsibility.

Yesterday, Year 11 students completed mock interviews with 'Form the Future', this is excellent preparation for them with potential college or job interviews coming up soon. I also took the opportunity to speak to every Year 11 student about their practice exams and discuss what we can be doing as a college community to best support them as they prepare for their GCSEs. It was really encouraging to hear that they are ready to embrace the challenge of the next four months, and we look forward to supporting them on this final part of their academic journey with us.

Finally, this week has been a really cold one and although the forecast is for it to be slightly warmer next week, we are very firmly in winter. Do please encourage your child to have a coat on as they travel to and from school. We are looking to amend the plans for break and lunchtime from next week to ensure there are more indoor warm spaces that students can use to better manage this time of year.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and are able to stay warm.

Regards

Mr Stoneham
Principal