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Principal Letter (1)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I trust you had an enjoyable time over the festive break with family and friends. We had a very wintry start to the new year and students have coped brilliantly with the cold, icy and snowy weather particularly at the start of the week. On Monday I shared with students key reminders about our expectations and they have settled back into our routines well for what is a very fast paced and hectic term.

On Thursday we had a very busy day with our Year 11 students. They took part in practice interviews with local employers, met with me to discuss how things are going and what the College can do to support them, received their practice exam results, and then joined us in the evening for an exam information evening. They have set a brilliant example to the rest of the school in how they have conducted themselves through the last few weeks and we look forward to supporting them in their final full term of Secondary school.

Next week sees the start of the Year 10 exams. This is an important opportunity for them to become familiar with the public examination process and to develop effective revision and exam techniques. We wish them every success and encourage students to prepare thoroughly, ensuring they arrive on time and fully equipped for each exam.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Please see below key dates for this term with lots of events and opportunities for us to meet different groups of you over the next few months.

Kind regards,

Ian Stoneham

Principal

Key dates this term:

- 12th January - Year 10 practice exams start
- 14th and 15th January - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 30th January - Non pupil day
- 4th and 5th February - Year 8 Parents Evening
- 13th February - Last day of Half-term
- 23rd February - Half term starts for all students
- 2nd March - Parent Forum (Curriculum and teaching and learning)
- 5th March - Year 10 Parents information evening
- 11th March - Year 8 Options Evening
- 26th March - Term ends