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Principal Letter (9)

7th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very positive start to the new half-term, and I am pleased to see students returning with renewed focus and determination. The tone across the school has been purposeful, with students engaging well in lessons. This strong beginning provides an excellent foundation for the weeks ahead, and I would like to thank both staff and families for their continued support in maintaining high expectations and a positive learning environment.

This week's assemblies have centred on the theme of punctuality and the importance of beginning each day well. Arriving on time, fully prepared, and ready to engage in learning is an essential part of success at school. A prompt and organised start not only benefits individual students but also sets a respectful and efficient tone for the entire school community. We continue to encourage all students to take responsibility for their punctuality, and we appreciate the ongoing cooperation of parents and carers in reinforcing this message at home. All students must be on school site by 8:50 and in their mentor base or lined up ready for assembly at 8:55.

As we move through the half-term, it is important that we maintain this strong sense of momentum. Consistent effort, positive attitudes, and a commitment to high standards will ensure that every student continues to make good progress. I am confident that, with the dedication we have already seen, the remainder of the term will be both successful and rewarding for all.

Finally, please can I remind you that the uniform policy requires students who wish to wear a jumper to have one that is plain black and V-necked. We encourage all students to travel to and from school in a coat and some prefer to do so in other style jumpers as well. The expectation is that all students are in full school uniform whenever they are in the building and banned jumpers are not worn at all during the school day. Thank you, as ever, for your support with this.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and enjoy any fireworks you may be off to see.

Kind regards,

Ian Stoneham

Principal

Key dates this term:

- 17th November: Parent Forum (2)
- 17th November –1st December: Year 11 Practice Exams
- 28th November: Non Pupil Day (Staff Training)
- 3rd & 4th December: Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 11th and 12th December: Christmas show
- 19th December (1pm): Term ends
- 5th January: Spring Term starts for all
- 8th January: Year 11 exam information evening