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Dear Parents & Carers

It's been a real pleasure to see how quickly our students have settled back into school life. Staff have been full of praise for the focused learning, positive attitudes and excellent behaviour across the school.

Classrooms and corridors this week have been calm and purposeful, students have been really polite, engaged and clearly committed to their learning. It gives me genuine pride as Headteacher in the way the students have started this year and adapted to some changes that we have made. It is always a little challenging at the start of term with new students, new staff and new routines and rules to get used to, but despite that the students have been excellent this week. Thank you for you support in reinforcing how much all students benefit from a focus on learning and doing so free from disruption. There have been thousands of merits awarded this week – but don't fear I am going to be encouraging staff to make sure that we take time to reward and recognise all of those who are getting things right even more in the weeks ahead.

A couple of practical reminders:

- The weather is very changeable at the moment. Please make sure your child comes to school with an appropriate coat and, if needed, an umbrella.
- Please ensure any wet items (uniform, PE kit or shoes) are dried and ready for the next day we want to avoid any unnecessary disputes about uniform.
- For everyone's safety, please encourage your child to cross the road only where a member of the Senior Leadership Team (including myself) is on duty this is the safest place to cross.

We are also exploring some different ways of managing the very busy exit at the end of the school day although it always eases when after school clubs begin, it is still something we want to work on improving for the benefit of all students and I will share details of any changes in the near future.

A final reminder for parents of year 11, 12 and 13 we have meet the Tutor Evening on Wednesday next week from 5pm ... not just a chance to meet the Tutor, but a great opportunity to work together to help secure success in GCSEs, A level and BTEC courses. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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