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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to share a little bit about things that are going on at school at the present time.

First of all, I've just said goodbye and enjoy the weekend to the vast majority of Year 11 students who have finished their exams today. There are some, who will still have exams next week, but I wanted to take this opportunity to say to Year 11 parents, that in the main, the students have had a fantastic attitude towards these exams and the way in which they've conducted themselves throughout the exam period has been excellent. While today is a farewell, we look forward to the prom, when we will have the opportunity to really celebrate the Year 11's time at the school and hopefully many of them will continue their education with us into the 6th Form.

With regard to the running of the school day and the single point of entry and exit. This is something that we introduced in January and has now become much more habitual, but I wanted to just pass on some information to you. Part of the rationale behind this change was the supervision of students at the start of the day and ensuring a nice calm, positive and constructive start to the school day.

Between September and December, we had 20 incidents requiring a first aid call. Between January and March we had only 3 and there have been none since. It is only a small measure, but a simple example of how the safety precautions that that single point of entry has enabled us to manage has had a positive impact on how safe the school environment is for students, as well as ensuring a positive welcome in the morning.

With regard to the single point of exit, there are two members of staff, myself and one of my deputies every single day at the back gate, helping students cross the road safely. There are still however a number of students who, despite us helping by stopping traffic and providing a safe point to cross, walk further down the path and cross at another less safe point.

Please can I ask parents to reinforce to your child that we are supporting them in crossing safely and that it is frustrating when they choose to cross the road on another part of Tithepit Shaw Lane and not to take advantage of being able to cross supervised. We are doing this to help look after them and keep them safe.

Finally we've introduced the playground zoning and already seen students having a really positive experience because of this.

The common question some parents and students have asked is regarding friendships across different year groups and siblings in different year groups. I would like to remind you that the under the new arrangements the main hall is available to all year groups, to enable them to sit together to talk and eat together.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a great weekend.

Kind regards

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