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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another rewarding term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made as a school and to thank you for your continued support. This term has been filled with hard work, achievement, and moments of real pride.

Across the school, we have seen improvements in teaching and learning, attendance, and behaviour. Classrooms feel purposeful, routines are stronger, and students are engaging with our expectations. A key part of this success is our belief that students should be in front of the experts — their teachers — as often as possible. Every lesson matters and every minute matters. We are committed to ensuring that every child benefits from high-quality teaching every day. I ask that you reinforce this at home by supporting your child to attend every day on time and use the toilets before school, break, lunch or after school unless there is a medical emergency.

Around school, the overwhelming majority of our students are demonstrating our core values of “Respect, Honesty and Kindness”. These values make a real difference to the calm, focused atmosphere we are building together, and I am grateful for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

I will also keep in mind the memorable events that have taken place in our school. Our Year 11 students approached their mock exams with determination and resilience, showing a real commitment to their progress. Our Remembrance celebrations, driven through our art department, were thoughtful and respectful, with students showing a genuine understanding of how important the occasion is. It was great to see so many of you at our Christmas creative arts performances, where we saw a wonderful display of singing, dancing, and festive spirit. It always amazes me to see the talent our students have, and it was a joy to see so many shine on stage. We also enjoyed a very well-attended bingo fundraiser, which brought families, staff, and students together for an evening of fun and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

As we move into the new year, we will continue to raise standards in every area of school life. High expectations help our students to thrive, and we remain committed to our vision; **“Maximise potential, celebrate inclusion and inspire a lifelong love of learning.”**

Uniform Expectations

As part of maintaining a calm and orderly learning environment, I would like to remind families of our uniform expectations. Wearing the correct uniform helps students feel part of our community and sets the tone for learning each day. Please ensure your child returns in January fully equipped and dressed in line with our policy:

- **Blazer:** Plain blue with school crest

- **Shirt:** Pale blue school shirt
- **Trousers/Skirt:** Tailored trousers or pleated knee-length skirt
- **Tie:** Full-length school tie
- **Jumper (optional):** Plain navy-blue V-neck with school crest
- **Shoes:** Sensible, plain black shoes — no trainers
- **Socks:** Navy, black, dark grey or white

PE Kit

- **Girls:** Navy hockey socks, navy skirt or leggings, navy polo shirt with school logo, trainers, optional ¼-zip top
- **Boys:** Navy football socks, navy shorts, navy T-shirt with school logo, trainers, optional ¼-zip top

Thank you for your support in ensuring that all students meet these expectations consistently.

Students are welcome back to school on **Tuesday 6th January** at normal school time.

As we head into the Christmas break, I hope you and your family enjoy a peaceful, joyful, and well-deserved rest. It has been a pleasure to see our students grow and succeed this term, and I look forward to welcoming them back in January, ready for another term of progress and high standards.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Mr P McKendrick
Headteacher



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