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## Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break filled with joy and relaxation. As we begin Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. We are excited to welcome our students back and look forward to an engaging and productive term ahead.

This morning, we held assemblies for students in Years 7 to 11 to welcome them back and to remind them of our high expectations. Below is a summary of the key information shared:

### Bringing balls onto the school site:

Thank you for your support with this initiative last term. We will continue to provide footballs for students to use during social times, so they do not need to bring their own balls onto the school site. To further improve facilities, we will be introducing goals on the lower court for football. In addition, a basketball club will run three times a week in the gym and will be open to all students who wish to play.

### School uniform:

During our assemblies, we reminded students that shirts should be tucked in and black socks worn as part of our uniform expectations. If a student wears white socks over tights or leggings and socks, they will be asked to remove them. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform, including black socks.

### Access to the school site:

Following a review of our safeguarding arrangements, we have updated the opening and closing times of the school gates which will take place from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Students should not be coming onto school site before 8am. The school gates are open from 8am and are re-opened between 15.10 and 15.30 each day. If a student is leaving the school site after 15.30pm they can exit the school via the main school entrance; or if a student is catching a late bus they can exit the side gates which will be re-opened between 16.25 and 16.35. We appreciate that the top gate will be locked from 15.30, however we need to ensure that the site is secure for students and staff who remain on school site after 15.30.



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### Reception area:

We have reviewed how our reception space is used to ensure it remains a professional and welcoming environment for visitors. Students will no longer use this area as a seating space. If a student needs to regulate, they can access the Reset Room or the Pink Room. Students who are unwell and waiting to be collected will wait in our Student Services area.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. Working together makes a real difference, and we appreciate everything you do to help us maintain high standards and provide the best possible experience for our students.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Barker  
Headteacher



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