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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to inform you about a change we are making with regards to how we report to parents. As you may be aware, in previous years, a subject by subject report has been sent home to parents, in the week before their child's year group parents' evening. This report updated parents and carers about their child's progress across the different subjects they study. We have decided that, from January 2017, we will instead send a report home to all parents at the end of the school year. This report will largely be a pastoral report, written by your child's Form Tutor and will update you about your child's achievements throughout the year.

A Parents' Evening for every year group will still run as calendared throughout the year. This will be an opportunity to speak to all of your child's subject teachers. The remaining Parents' evenings this academic year are:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017      Year 9
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017      Year 10
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017      Year 8
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017      Year 7

Therefore, you will still be able to receive updates on your child's progress in all of their subjects at these evenings. You will also continue to receive an 'Achievement Data Summary' three times per year, at the end of each term, outlining your child's current achievement in all of their subjects as well as their predicted grades/levels for the end of the academic year. Of course, you are also welcome to contact your child's Form Tutor or subject teachers at any time should you have any further queries.

We are making this change for a couple of reasons. Firstly, we are always looking to continue to improve and ensure excellent communication with parents and carers regarding their child's progress and achievements in school. Also, we feel that a streamlined system will avoid duplicating information in a subject report that is then followed very closely by similar discussions at a Parents' evening. We are confident this system will work well and ensure continued excellent communication between the school and parents/carers.

If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year in school.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Patterson  
Deputy Headteacher