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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope that your child has made a positive start to the new school year. We are certainly very pleased with the way things have gone since the students returned at the beginning of September. I thought it would be helpful to outline how we intend to keep you informed about your child's progress over the course of this academic year.

Parents' Evenings

This will be an opportunity for you to meet subject teachers and to discuss your child's progress in detail. There will be a Parents' Evening for all year groups during the year and these will take place on the following dates:

- Year 11 Monday 15th October 2018
- Years 12 & 13 Monday 26th November 2018
- Year 10 Monday 28th January 2019
- Year 9 Monday 25th March 2019
- Year 8 Monday 10th June 2019
- Year 7 Monday 1st July 2019

In order to allow for more time at Parents' Evenings, students will be **dismissed at 2.10pm** on these days. If you would like your child to remain in school until 3.10pm, please contact their Head of Year. The evenings will begin at **2.45pm** and conclude at **6.00pm**.

You will also receive a letter with further details from your child's Head of Year nearer the time of their Parents' Evening.

Annual Report

You will also receive a written report from your son or daughter's Form Tutor outlining your child's accomplishments and achievements throughout the year. Years 11 and 13 will receive this report before May half-term 2019. Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 will receive this report prior to the summer holidays in 2019.

Termly Achievement Summary

At the end of each term, you will receive a summary of your child's progress in each subject area. We will base our termly achievement summary on a combination of classwork, homework and formal assessments. Formal assessments constitute only one element of the overall evaluation of student progress. Ongoing classwork and homework represent very important elements of progress too. Your child will always be given sufficient notice of any upcoming formal tests. Teachers will also provide revision guidance and resources to ensure that students are able to prepare fully for these assessments.

If you have any queries at all about your child's education throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year. For your information, this letter will be posted on the school website in the section entitled Parents.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Stanton
Assistant Headteacher

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