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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all well. It has been lovely to welcome our students back to school at the start of this new term. We have been so impressed with their excellent behaviour and their positive attitudes to learning. They have made such a fantastic start to the term and have settled back into routines so quickly. I wanted to get in touch to share some important information with you.

As you know, Parents' Evenings are really important events in the school calendar. They are a chance for you to speak to your child's subject teachers and receive in-depth feedback about your child's progress. For our Parents' Evenings last term, we returned to some in-person events and feedback was really positive from both staff and parents. However, we have also received a huge amount of positive feedback from staff and parents regarding the remote Parents' Evenings using SchoolCloud. Given that there has been positive feedback from both formats, we have decided that it would be best to have a combination of both remote and in-person events for the remaining Parents' Evenings this year.

The remaining Parents' Evenings this year will follow the following format:

- **Year 10 - Monday 30th January 2023 – Remotely via SchoolCloud**
- **Year 9 - Monday 27th March 2023 - In person in School**
- **Year 8 - Monday 5th June 2023 – Remotely via SchoolCloud**
- **Year 7 - Monday 26th June 2023 - In person in School**

Further specific details and reminders about SchoolCloud will follow for the upcoming Year 10 Parents' Evening. As usual, we will continue to have a slightly earlier finish for all students (2pm- Year 7 and 8/ 2:10pm- all other Year Groups) for Parents' Evenings on the dates detailed above.

Winter Illnesses

During winter periods, colds, flu and related illnesses can be more prevalent, therefore it is important that we help minimise the spread of infections in school settings as much as possible. Therefore, if your child is unwell or has a fever, they should stay at home until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Helping children to learn about the importance of hand hygiene is also key, so we will continue to encourage students to regularly wash their hands at key times during the school day. We will also encourage use of sanitiser at key times, for example as students enter the dining hall. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then putting them in the bin is another simple way to help stop illnesses from spreading and we will also be encouraging students to do this. If possible, students should bring their own tissues and sanitiser. If children catch sickness bugs, as always, it is advised that NHS guidance should be followed and children should stay at home for 48 hours after vomiting has stopped.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year. Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Miss Largue
Director of Student Support