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Dear parents and carers

I hope you and your family have had some time over the break to rest and relax together. If you haven't yet taken a look at the **Easter Edition Headlines**, there's lots of interesting and useful news and information in it - [here's the link again](#). Of particular note is our exciting new **Kiosk Self-Serve system** for the canteen, launching on 20 April.

We are now looking ahead to the start of the summer term, and I have a few **Key Messages** to share with you and your young person.

- We return on Monday 13 April with **ALL students arriving at 10:20am**, on Week A timetable
- Students in Years 7 to 10 should go to Morning Line-Up and will then have an extended Tutor Time until their period 3 lesson at 10.50am
- Students in Year 11 should go straight to Tutor Time until their period 3 lesson at 10.50am

Our new lining-up system has been a success; starting the day in a calm, orderly and purposeful way has helped set the tone for the day ahead - students are arriving to lessons prepared, in the correct uniform and ready to learn. **Year 10 will be joining the system from Monday 13 April.** If your young person has forgotten something they need for the day, whether that is a piece of uniform or equipment, they should go to their Hub before line-up, where staff will support them in getting what they need. In order to make sure borrowed items come back, students will be asked to exchange their phone temporarily when collecting these items. On the topic of uniform, please can I ask that skirts are not shortened, as from September we will be expecting them to be on or just above the knee. We know that standards matter not for the sake of rules alone, but because they help create a sense of pride, belonging and readiness, and that matters hugely in a school community.

We are very proud of the facilities we are able to offer our young people, and we work hard to foster respect and care for our school environment. We cannot tolerate any deliberate damage to the building, equipment or site in any way whatsoever. We expect students to follow our clear rules around single occupancy in toilet cubicles and to understand that vapes (along with other contraband items) must not be brought onto the school site under any circumstances. These are not minor matters, and all of them carry serious sanctions if students are found with items, using them, or even in the company of others who are using them. Please do discuss this with your young person, and contact your Hub if there are issues that concern you.



I also ask for your continued support helping your young person use social media safely and responsibly. Please monitor their accounts closely and talk with them about the very real risks of posting reels, videos or images involving other students or staff. In some cases, this can move beyond poor judgement and become a safeguarding issue, a form of bullying, or even a criminal matter, particularly where false information is shared, AI is used inappropriately, or content is posted with the intention of humiliating, intimidating or harming others. Where this happens, we will not hesitate to involve the police.

Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us to keep your young people thriving and happy. It really does make a difference. We look forward to welcoming students back for what I know will be a busy, exciting and successful summer term.

Best wishes
Mrs K Oakley
Headteacher

