

2 January 2022

Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that everyone has had a good break and time to spend with family and friends. We also recognise that, following any holiday, there may have been some challenges or illness within families. Should you have been affected in any way please do let us know so we can support where necessary.

I am pleased to share with you a message from our **Chair of Governors Ruth Willis**, with information about our on-going improvement journey; [please click here to read it](#).

Tomorrow – Tuesday 3 January - we return to school. It does feel like Christmas has only just finished but we know students will embrace the routines of school and learning as they always do. **We look ahead to an exciting term with lots going on**; in February we have a DT trip to Disneyland Paris and our first ski trip for many a year, plus our first musical Little Shop of Horrors being performed in the main hall. Alongside that Year 9s will start to consider their options for Key Stage 4, Year 11 will be working hard towards their GCSEs, and we hope that everyone will continue to develop their skills and knowledge in a range of subject areas. We remain fully staffed and welcome two new members of support staff over the next couple of weeks; Mrs Burgess is joining the inclusion team and Mrs Colman is joining our finance and events team.

**School starts tomorrow at the normal time of 08:30** with an extended tutor time to ensure students are prepared with timetables and reminders of our expectations. We want your young people to thrive with us, we want them to enjoy learning, to make good friendships and memories and have the results they need to get the college place of their choice. That doesn't happen by chance, it takes everyone working together to share and recognise their achievements and not be afraid to ask for help when things aren't going so well. It is and always will be our promise to you to work towards this every day your young person is with us. And, when we don't get it right then we want to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow, here's to an exciting 2023.

Miss K Oakley  
Headteacher

