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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Update: New Sign Out System and Uniform Change

Further to previous correspondence via the newsletter regarding students being permitted to sign out during free lessons. The system is now in place and will be trialled by year 13 students beginning next week, Monday 4 March. This will be rolled out to year 12 students once the year 12 data review has taken place and any additional support has been implemented. We expect this to be in the next few weeks and we will update you nearer the time. This change is in response to student feedback, to accommodate flexible working and enable students to use lunchtime for support sessions and extra-curricular activities.

Once this is rolled out to Year 12 students, they will be expected to be in school for registration both in the morning (8.50am) and afternoon; afternoon registration will move to the start of lunch (12.45pm). Students must ensure they sign out before leaving and back in if they return. Students will not be permitted to sign out during any timetabled sessions.

Whilst this option is in place, we will encourage students to remain in school where study areas are available. The expectations for students to complete 5/6 hours of independent work per subject per week has not changed, however it is hoped that this will allow students to work in a way that suits them best.

In response to the uniform consultation, keeping the uniform the same but removing the blazer was the most favourable option. We will, therefore, implement this starting on Monday 4 March for both Year 12 and Year 13. Again, students are still encouraged to wear a blazer but this will no longer be enforced. Students are still expected to dress smartly and we will continue to monitor this. As 'own clothes' was a close second option, we are considering a dress down day, however this will be decided based on students wearing smart dress once the blazers are removed.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to cultivate a supporting learning environment for our students.

Yours sincerely

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