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17<sup>th</sup> December 2007

Dear Parent/Carer

This is the second letter from the school before the end of term with important information for you.

### **Enrichment & Self Supported Study**

During the next two terms all students in Years 7 – 11 will continue to participate in an enrichment and supported self study programme. The programme of activities offered take into account a wide variety of interest and abilities at our school which we hope will combine to enrich and extend both the experiences and opportunities for all of our students.

We will continue to offer a programme of activity on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 15.15 until 16.05pm. This programme combines two types of activity:

1. **Enrichment** - every student will have the opportunity for some choice but some will be targeted to attend specific activities offered as part of our 'above and beyond' programme that will rotate half termly. These students will be selected to be part of either an Arts activity e.g. chamber choir, swing band or a PE activity e.g. Football team, hockey team.
2. **Supported Self Study (SSS)** – every student will have an SSS session that will rotate half termly. Some students will have some choice and some will be targeted to attend specific sessions e.g. GCSE coursework support. The main focus of targeted sessions is to offer intervention to support your child in meeting or exceeding their attainment target in the core subjects of English, Mathematics or Science.

This programme has also been extended to allow Post 16 students the opportunity to be leading and facilitating small group work in some areas. This will contribute to our Post 16 leadership and volunteering programme.

### **Arrangements for Week 1 and 2 of the Spring Term.**

During the first two weeks of term, the programme will be launched with Yrs 7 – 10 during assembly and tutor based activities. Year 11 will not start their programme until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. We are aware that some Year 11 students will want to remain in school to wait for brothers / sisters. These students will work in designated areas using the time to complete school work / coursework.

### **Uniform Grant**

If you are a parent who qualified for a uniform grant please find enclosed a cheque for the balance that is owed to you. We will be holding a 'Cheque Surgery' on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 between 10.00am and 12.00 noon** for any parents who have a query regarding their payment. Please accept my apologies for the delay in returning the refund to you. The refund will reflect the balance depending on the quantity of uniform items purchased and also the size.

Thank you again for your support as we come to the end of our first term. We wish you and your family the best for 2008.

Yours sincerely

H W Howe CBE  
Head Teacher

## Parents Communication with the School

### Home – School Partnerships

We are committed to having strong home school partnership with parents and carers. Every child has a tutor who is responsible for overseeing the care, progress, welfare and guidance of every student in their tutor group. They are supported by a team of staff who work with them to ensure that your child is happy and safe at school, makes progress and achieves their targets. This Year Team consists of the Head of School, Learning Co-ordinator, Senior Tutor and Attendance Officer.

On some occasions you may want to speak directly with a member of the Year Team. To support your understanding of who to contact we have outlined below two routes for communicating with school.

When contacting school please call **reception on 01733 383888**. Our school receptionists will direct your call to either the Attendance Officer or Senior Tutor. They will ask you for some basic information:

**Name of child / Tutor group / Reason for contacting school**

