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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have all managed to enjoy some rest and relaxation during the Summer break.

To start, I must congratulate our Y11 and Y13 students from last year. After a tough and challenging year for all, their results across the board were amazing. The awarding of all of the grades was fair, consistent and in strict accordance with QCA guidelines so all of the students should be proud of their achievements. It is great to welcome so many of our Y11 students back to the Sixth Form as well as lots of new students from other schools. I was equally delighted that so many of our Y13 leavers went on to university, apprenticeships or employment of their first choice - nearly 90% of them to be exact. Best wishes to all of them and I look forward to welcoming them back to school in December for their Presentation Evening.

It has been wonderful to welcome our current and new students back to school these last few days. A particular welcome to our new Year 7 cohort - what a fantastic bunch! Once again the corridors and classrooms seem full of life which is how school should be. I am impressed with how smart everyone looks and I am very grateful to all of you for ensuring that the correct uniform has been purchased and is being worn correctly. In my last letter, I talked about a 'back to basics' mentality as we re-open the school to something resembling pre-Covid times. The vast majority of our students have come back in appropriate uniform with the correct shoes and with a bag equipped for a full day of learning. This seems fairly basic but is an important statement from any young person about their attitude to their learning upon arrival. I also mentioned the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. I want to remind you that the LA and the DfE have asked all schools to ensure that this is a real focus this year. Our minimum expected attendance rate is 95%, anything below this will begin different processes that we in school have very little control over. Again, for the vast majority, this is not an issue but your support and help with this is much appreciated as it is an area we need to improve. Please do not be offended when I cannot authorise holiday requests, I have very little to no room for manoeuvre on this as laid out in the DfE Attendance Code.

Hopefully Covid will not cause anywhere near the disruption this year as in the previous two years. Of course, it is impossible to predict exactly what will happen but there are still many systems and procedures in place to try and mitigate against spread in school including:

- Mask wearing- at everyone's discretion;
- Hand sanitising and washing;
- Enhanced cleaning procedures;
- Good ventilation;
- Students sat facing the front when possible.

The Risk Assessment document that I referred to in my last letter is now posted on our website and gives full details of everything we continue to do to prevent the virus spreading. I will continue to monitor closely what happens locally and to liaise with local school leaders and the LA should we need to re-introduce any other measures. I will of course keep you informed. Your son/daughter has also been issued with two more boxes of self-testing kits this week. Please do continue to ensure these are done on a Wednesday and Sunday if possible.

As always if you have any questions, please contact your child's relevant Head of Year or Subject Lead if necessary. All of the details are on our school website.

With every good wish to all of our students, families and staff for a positive and productive new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline that curves back under the first part of the name.

Mr McGarry
Headteacher