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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 3 I want to again thank you for your support. The atmosphere within the College is impressive, positive and purposeful and we are very pleased with the progress all year groups are making.

The Year 8, 11 and 13 Parents' Evenings were very well attended this term and your feedback on the format of these events was overwhelmingly positive. In particular, many of you said that you really appreciated the opportunity to speak directly to your son or daughter's Learning Tutors. We are keen to ensure parents have a clear picture of their children's progress and feel empowered to support them in the next steps of their learning.

I would like to ask for your continued support in ensuring students are correctly equipped for learning. I have enclosed a leaflet detailing the equipment students need. Please ensure your son or daughter returns in Term 4 with a pencil case containing all of the equipment listed. If students are properly prepared learning sessions start in a sharp and productive way, further enhancing the learning process.

February is LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) History Month and, as many schools are, the College will be acknowledging this event. Supporting this event allows the College to encourage and promote its ethos of embracing diversity.

There have been a series of gatherings to support the month, delivered by Year 12 students, and activities for students to take part in during tutor time. Term 3 will end with a non-uniform day to raise money for the Ben Cohen Foundation, a charity that raises awareness of anti-bullying and provides advice and support. More information about the foundation can be found at http://www.standupfoundation.com/

The non-uniform day will take place on **Friday 24 February** and we would encourage students to wear a colour from the rainbow, in support of the LGBT community which uses a rainbow flag as a symbol of peace and acceptance for all. We would ask for a contribution of £1 to raise money to support our chosen charity. We would also ask that students do not attend the non-uniform day in inappropriate clothing or footwear. Personal Tutors will outline acceptable standards of dress for the day.

The College will finish for the end of term on **Friday 24 February at 3.15pm** and we will welcome all students back on site at **8.20am on Monday 13 March.**

We wish you and your families a peaceful and restful break.

Yours sincerely

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