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Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin the new term and a new year, I thought I would share with you some of my reflections from the previous term.

Firstly, I thought all Year 11 students were absolutely fabulous during the mock exam weeks. Students were in on time, were superbly behaved and well presented in uniform; the examination invigilators could not speak more highly of them and I am delighted that this bodes well for the summer series exams.

Secondly, I am delighted that many students have good or excellent attendance and punctuality, which will be hugely important this term. However, at present, even if we include understandable illness or pre-determined medical conditions, attendance overall for the year group is low and therefore I would like to offer any support that is needed. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. I know that some absence is unavoidable, and, in some cases, we have already made appropriate arrangements. It is vital that all students have as high an attendance rate as possible, to be as prepared as possible, for the summer exams. It is also vital that communication takes place where absence might occur, so please keep letting us know when your child is absent.

Amazingly, the spring term is the last full term that Year 11 students will have. I am hopeful that there will be lots of opportunities for after school and lunch time revision activities, which are usually set up by various subject areas. More information will follow on this in the spring term.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Year 11 students, and to you as parent/carers for the positive way that everyone has embraced the change, with myself as a Head of Year. I hope it has had an impact on some and that where support has been needed, support has been given. I have seen a change in the behaviour and attitude around the school, which overall I hope has changed for the better. If you do not feel this way, please let me know!

I would like to end by wishing you all a very prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Kind regards

J Kevern

Jerry Kevern
Head of Year 11