

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Half-Term

I would like to remind you that we have a staff training day on Friday this week, so school will close for half-term at the end of school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Students will return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Although this has been a relatively short half-term, it has been a busy one, and there are a number of events taking place this week, and immediately after half-term, notably:

- Year 8 Options evening (tonight in the main school hall)
- Year 9 parents' evening (tomorrow night)
- Year 11 Sixth Form options interviews (this week)
- Year 8 and 9 options interviews (after half-term).
- Sixth Form parents' evening (15<sup>th</sup> March)
- Mock exams for Year 11 students immediately after half-term

Thank you for your continuing support and if you are attending any of the above, we hope you find these evenings/interviews useful.

### Uniform

Further to my recent email about uniform, we will be talking to students tomorrow to hear their thoughts on a possible change of uniform from September. Specifically, we will be consulting on:

- A possible change of blazer/jumper colour
- A possible change of colour to the tie (and therefore the school "colours")
- A possible change of colour/style for the skirt

As I said in my last email, any change to the uniform will be the decision of the Governing Body, and must be affordable for parents (i.e. the same price or cheaper than our existing uniform). We will keep you informed of any decisions we take. It is also likely that any change in uniform will not be implemented for students currently in Year 10, as next year will be their last year in main school.

I hope that you have a good half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher