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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring we have had a fantastic start to the academic year. There have been minimal issues with uniform and students have settled back in extremely well. It has been a joy to see students return refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead and also to welcome our new Year 7 students.

We have a number of enthusiastic new staff who are getting to know their classes and have spent a lot of time preparing for some excellent learning to take place this year.

We have returned to some fantastic GCSE results from the cohort of students who left us this year. I will be providing more details about these when they are official and validated, but we are very pleased with the performance of this year group who worked exceptionally hard.

There has been a great deal of work done during the summer holidays to ensure that the school is ready, including some minor building work and reconfiguration to accommodate our final year of growth in numbers.

Although most of our preparations have gone very well, there are inevitably a few teething issues to be resolved. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or Pastoral Support Manager. As a school we have had a couple of teething issues with catering. You may be aware that the school has a contract for the provision of its catering and this includes the payment facility. Unfortunately, over the summer holiday the machines in school have still not been up-dated to accept the new pound coins. This is frustrating to all of us and we have put in place the facility for students to exchange old coins for new ones in the meantime. Our preferred method of payment is always online and we would urge parents to use this rather than giving students cash to bring into school.

We have also experienced difficulties with students being charged for breakfast this morning. We have previously been in a position to provide free breakfast at our breakfast club, but unfortunately, due to well publicised cuts in school funding, we are no longer able to sustain this in the longer term. Parents of new Year 7 students were informed of the new charges but, unfortunately, other parents were not. Therefore, we will not be implementing charges for breakfast club until after half term. The charges will be subsidised as we will still wish to encourage as many students as possible to attend and have a good breakfast in school. Students in receipt of a free school meal will also be able to have a free breakfast. Please accept our apologies that some students were charged for breakfast this morning.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks to come at various school events.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Burridge
Headteacher



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