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Dear all

I hope this message finds you well.

Trips & Visits for the Academic Year

As you will be aware, we have been talking for some time about sharing an overview of trips and visits to help you plan effectively. It has taken a little longer than anticipated, but we are now ready to share a **comprehensive calendar** with you. This calendar outlines **key dates** for the trips and visits we hope to offer this academic year. From educational excursions to cultural visits, each event is designed to complement your child's learning and foster personal growth.

Please keep an eye out for communications from Mr. Hepworth regarding these exciting opportunities. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to get in touch.

Cold Weather & Uniform Update

As the colder weather sets in, we want to ensure students stay comfortable while maintaining a conducive learning environment. Just like last year, we'll be allowing students to:

- **Wear their coats around the school building.**

However, during lesson times, we ask that coats are **not worn in classrooms** unless a teacher deems the room too cold. If a classroom is considered chilly, teachers will let students know, and coats will be permitted in those instances.

We do, however, make **reasonable adjustments** to accommodate specific needs of staff or students, including those arising from disabilities. I appreciate that this may raise questions, particularly when students perceive this as inconsistent. However, it is important to distinguish between accommodations made for disability and the general rules that apply to the wider school community. We remain committed to ensuring our policies are **fair** and **practical** while respecting the needs of all individuals within our school.

In line with feedback from parents last year about the visibility of dark-coloured outerwear, we would like to clarify that:

- **There is no expectation for students to wear dark-coloured coats**
- We do require **outdoor coats (not hoodies)** for warmth.

We appreciate your support in helping students follow this expectation, as it contributes to a respectful and focused atmosphere in the classroom. Please also remember that:

- **Students should wear either a blazer or jumper underneath their coat.**
- **Hoodies are not permitted**, except for the school PE jumper during PE lessons.

Thank you for understanding as we work to keep the school environment comfortable for everyone.

Parking in Disabled Bays

We kindly ask parents to be mindful of parking in the disabled bays on our school grounds. This week, several of our disabled members of staff have reported difficulties accessing the designated parking spaces as they have been occupied by non-designated vehicles. We ask that these bays are left free for those who need them to ensure everyone can park safely and access the school with ease.

Parents using the disabled bays should have a disability badge clearly visible in the windscreen to ensure these spaces are available to those who require them. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making sure everyone has equal access to parking.

EduLink Account Issues

We have received some parental feedback regarding issues with EduLink, such as **not receiving information** or difficulties with accounts. If this is affecting you, please get in touch with us at enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org and we will be happy to help resolve the issue. We know how important it is for you to stay informed about your child's progress, and we want to ensure all families have access to this vital communication tool.

Reporting & Assessment Process

I would also like to draw your attention to **communications from Mrs. Gant** regarding our **updated reporting and assessment process**. This update takes into account the direct feedback we received from you last year, and we hope the changes we've made will improve accessibility and usefulness for both students and parents. Please take some time to review the information as we strive to continually improve how we support your child's progress.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday, 28th November

We would like to invite all Year 11 parents and students to our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, 28th November**. Even though your child may have been with us for five years, there are **key differences** between life in the main school and Sixth Form that are important to know. Please do come along to hear more about what we offer and how we can continue to support your child in their academic journey.

[KSA Sixth Form Open Evening Tickets](#)

Reminder of Expectations

Finally, I would like to continue to remind our students of the importance of being **Ready, Respectful, and Safe**. These values are central to our school community, and we rely on your support to reinforce them at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you enjoy the upcoming weekend with the forecasted warmer weather.

Mrs Giovanelli