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Dear all

I hope this update finds you well. It's been a very busy first full week back!

Uniform Standards

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks for your support in upholding our uniform standards. Our **uniform room is now open every morning** to ensure all students have the correct kit. A reminder that if your child requires reasonable adjustments to their uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch so we can agree on these and ensure your child is comfortable and able to meet the standards expected.

Communication and Parent Engagement

I'd also like to thank those of you who have taken the time to get in touch with me directly. I want to highlight again that I am always more than happy to speak with or meet any parent. I understand that across a large organisation, there have been instances where communication hasn't been perfect and there is work for us to do on ensuring a consistency of response from whomever you contact.

Mrs Rayment and I do pride ourselves on our **responsiveness**, so if you've reached out to either of us and haven't had a response, please do let us know. We have a **robust tracking process** for communications, so we would want to investigate why you have experienced this as it is very unusual.

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SLT Drop-Ins and Contact Guides

We will be setting up regular **drop-in sessions** with members of the Senior Leadership Team. These will take place at various times to accommodate as many parents as possible. If you need to speak with someone sooner, please feel free to reach out.

We're also creating a **contact guide** for each year group, which will include key contacts for both **pastoral** and **subject concerns**, as well as links to the senior team members for each year or subject area.

High Standards in Lessons

The start of this school year has been incredibly positive, and I am really pleased with the **high standards** being upheld in lessons. I'd like to reissue my invitation to any parent who would like to visit the school during the day to see us in action – you are always welcome to join us at a time that suits you.

Behaviour Outside School and at Social Times

While we've seen excellent behaviour in lessons, I know some of you are concerned about the behaviour of a small minority of our students during **social times** and **on the way to and from school**.

We will remind students that we can and will **sanction behaviour** that occurs outside of school, including their journeys to and from school. We'll also be reinforcing our **social time expectations** and will be outlining steps to address any issues.

We are currently exploring **more lunchtime activities** to engage students and are excited about a student-led idea for a **common room reward** during lunch. We love this idea and are working on making it a reality.

Exciting Developments in Performing Arts

You may have noticed that we have significantly enhanced our **performing arts provision** this September, and the response from students has been incredible! The performing arts office is buzzing with students at break and lunch, signing up for our many new **clubs** during lunch and after school.

We're looking forward to showcasing our students' talent to you in the near future. This new provision is a great addition to our already extensive **co-curricular programme**.

Co-Curricular Opportunities and Trips

Mr Hepworth-Adcock will soon be sharing full details of the **after-school clubs, trips, and visits** available to students this year. By the end of September, we will provide an overview of opportunities available throughout the year to help with **planning and budgeting**.

Rest assured, we are committed to ensuring that there are opportunities accessible to **all students**.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and I look forward to another successful week ahead.

Mrs Giovanelli