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Dear Parent,

Exeat leave is this weekend and the majority of boarding pupils return home for a short break. There are no fixtures. The swimmers have the County Championships and we wish them well.

You will also note in the College calendar that the College Entrance Examination is on Saturday 2nd February for prospective pupils. Assessment week for our pupils is next week too.

May I pass many thanks to parents for supporting the College with respect to sensible clothing suitable for the recent cold weather. We have attempted to maintain a common sense approach to outside play at school and have encouraged pupils to have fresh air during break times. This is all possible if pupils come in a decent coat, gloves and warm hats. It has also been good to note that these items are predominately in the College colours of black or white.

Dr Chatterjee, Deputy Head Pastoral, closely looks at pupils and the way they wear their uniforms. He has asked Heads of Section to mention that no pupil is allowed to travel on College transport if they are incorrectly dressed. Either full School uniform, correctly worn or a full College tracksuit (if pupils are going on to sport clubs and events) will be allowed. He will ask pupils to change if they arrive at the coach park inappropriately attired and the coaches will have to leave on time. He also asked me to explain that tracksuit tops and hoodies are not part of the School uniform and cannot be worn around school generally. These rules have been clearly explained to pupils this week.

There is a focus on Year 8 pupils at the moment. Please note that on Friday 8th February at 5.30pm, there is the Year 8 to Year 9 presentation in the Arts Centre. Mrs Pritt-Roberts has already circulated Year 8 to Year 9 Option Forms via InTouch. Parents and pupils in Year 8 are welcome to attend the event which aims to answer any questions about the move from Lower School to Middle School. This is followed by the Year 8 Parents' Evening which is to be held in Big School hall. Please return the reply slip below if you would like your child to have supper at College. Pupils may join parents in the Parents' Evening after supper or alternatively work quietly on prep in the classroom adjoining the Big School hall. The Parents' Evening is a good opportunity to seek final thoughts and the forms should be returned to school as soon as possible please.

Year 8 also enjoyed an interactive workshop on Thursday. The focus was to examine methods of revision in readiness for GCSE studies.

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Year 8 pupils have also been set a Physics challenge. The competition, encouraging independent learning, prompts pupils to explore a Physics concept of their choice. Pupils are then challenged to explain the main concepts regarding the topic that they have chosen, in as imaginative a way as possible. There were outstanding presentations and displays last year and we are really looking forward to what the Year 8 pupils can come up with this year. There will be a display of the winning entries at the Year 8 Parents' Evening.

You will also note in the Calendar that we plan to take Year 8 bowling on Tuesday 12th February. This has a purely social focus and a InTouch explaining cost and details will be sent soon. Obviously, it is not compulsory, but we would hope many of the pupils would enjoy this event and wish to join us. The big challenge is to beat the teacher team! We have been pretty successful over the past few years!

The Parents' Society Burns Night is this Saturday. Many Lower School teachers go along and we are looking forward to an evening of good food and fun and maybe a twirl of the tartan!

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Please return to Lower School office

Name of pupil.....

We shall be attending the Year 8 to Year 9 presentation followed by the Parents' Meeting on Friday 8th February

We will unfortunately not be able to attend

Signed.....