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Dear Parent / Carer

END OF TERM UPDATE

As we near the end of term, I write to thank you all for your support. Once again, we have had an incredibly productive term and the students have continued to make me very proud to work here. Do look out for our termly Newsletter, which will be with you shortly, to get an idea of the successes, the opportunities and the events that have taken place this term.

What has become abundantly clear, following the tremendous success of last year's Year 11 cohort, is that community involvement is key to achieving the best for our young people. With that in mind, we surveyed parents / carers a couple of weeks ago regarding how you would prefer to meet staff to talk about your child's progress. In Years 11, 12 and 13 there was an overwhelmingly positive response to holding remote meetings over the Parents' Evening System, as we have been doing since Covid. In Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 there was still a preference for these to be remote, online meetings but the margin of preference was smaller. It is evident that you as parents would like more opportunity to meet staff face to face and to be able to come together as a community around our children.

For this reason, we are pleased to add a number of dates to your diaries. Progress Evenings will remain online, in keeping with parental feedback, but we would also be delighted to invite parents in for other bespoke events. The following table shows additional opportunities for each year group during the remainder of the academic year and do not include events already scheduled in, such as SEND surgeries:

Year Group	Progress Evening online date	Other Additional (Face-to-Face) Parent Events and dates	Notes
7	18 April	9 January SDCC Scholars High Performing Academy	Invited students and parents only.
		6 February Making the Most of Key Stage Three	All parents and students in Years 7 and 8. School and subject leaders will be available to talk following a presentation.
8	2 May	6 February Making the Most of Key Stage Three	All parents and students in Years 7 and 8. School and subject leaders will be available to talk following a presentation.
9	22 February	20 February Options Evening	All parents and students in Year 9 only. An information event to support the process of selecting GCSE options.
10	14 March	11 June Work Experience & Y11 Prep Evening	All parents and students in Year 10 only. Information regarding Work Experience will be shared, as well as information on how best to support our children through their Y11 year, and what to expect.
11	11 January	25 January Revision Evening	All parents and students in Year 11, Year 10 parents and students welcome. Information regarding how to support our children through the time leading up to exams.

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These dates will be added to our on-line calendar and more information will come out to you closer to the time. As always, if you wish to contact us at any time, please do so and we will be happy to respond to you.

The Spring Term starts for students and staff on Wednesday 3 January 2024. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy, relaxing New Year.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen Veal', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Jen Veal
Executive Head teacher

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