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Dear Parents

As we come to the end of a busy half term, I wanted to write to you regarding some staffing updates.

Mr D Owens-Jones will be leaving us for approximately 12 weeks for a minor operation. While we expect him back in school before the end of summer, we have put in place the following cover for his responsibilities. Miss S Klabou a maths specialist will be teaching Mr Owens-Jones' maths lessons. Mr Owens-Jones' pastoral duties as Head of Year 7 will be taken care of by Miss D Jones from our PE department.

Miss Green is still off sick and her return is unlikely this term. Although we have struggled to recruit a supply teacher with the relevant specialisation over the last fortnight, I am pleased to announce that from Monday 27th February, Miss Green's classes will be taught by Mrs Troughton, a biology specialist. Miss Green's duties as Head of Science have been taken over by Mr D Roberts.

Uniform reminders

At this point midway through the school year, it is common for a few students to let their standards of uniform slip. We would therefore ask you to check that your child is properly dressed for school. During this cold weather, pupils should wear a coat to school but they must also wear a blazer. Hoodies are not allowed under any circumstances and will be confiscated. Please note that black jeans are not school uniform and pupils who choose to wear them will be placed in isolation or be asked to wear one of our spare pairs of black trousers.

There has been a worrying increase in the number of girls with nail varnish and acrylic false nails. **These are not allowed.** Similarly, we have noticed that a number of girls have chosen to wear facial piercings to school this is not acceptable, however one stud in each earlobe is allowed. Our uniform policy is clear on such matters. Please help us to enforce these simple rules since we do not want to have to place students in isolation for noncompliance.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Agnew
Headteacher