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Dear Parents & Carers

Update on Mrs Parsons (Head of Year 7)

I am writing to let you know about the current pastoral arrangements for Year 7 at present. As I mentioned at our Engagement Evening, we are hoping to see Mrs Parsons return soon and look forward to welcoming her back as soon as she is able.

In the meantime, please continue to use your child's tutor as the first point of contact for any issues or concerns. As the Senior Leader Team link for Year 7, the tutors will escalate directly to me, if they have a concern which requires further support. I am therefore in daily contact with the tutor team and I have to say how impressed I am with the way in which our tutor groups are settling in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those year sevens who volunteered to help with our open evening last week. They were true ambassadors for the college even though they have been here only a matter of weeks. So many of our visitors commented on how impressed they were with the calibre of the tours that they received and for that I am really grateful. I would also like to thank you for your patience when trying to collect your child at the end of the evening as we were somewhat overwhelmed by the number of visitors who came to view our college. This is a really positive indicator for the years ahead.

This first term has been a significant one for year 7 and I hope that you remain happy with the transition process that we undertook. I hope that the midterm break will be a welcome opportunity for all to rest and regroup ahead of the Christmas term that follows.

My best wishes

Aidan Dowle
Headteacher