

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the final week before the Half Term Break, I want to thank our Students, Parents and Staff for a very positive start to the Spring Term.

Next week sees the start of our Year 11 Mock Exams, and I know that students have been working extremely hard in classes and at home to ensure their best possible outcomes. I want to wish them all the very best of luck, and encourage them to use the resources available to them in school to help support them during this time. The resources wall in our Foyer has been well received, and I hope the students are finding it really beneficial. We also have a dedicated section on our Website in relation to Exam and GCSE Preparation, in the 'For Students' Menu – please head there to access 'A Parents Guide to Supporting GCSE Revision' which I hope you will find useful.

I am pleased to say work on our Astro Pitch is nearing completion, with all installs completed and lines marked. It looks very impressive, and I know that our students, PE Staff and local community are very much looking forward to using this wonderful new facility. The pitch is currently in its 'settling phase' but I will be communicating to you before the Half Term Break with further information surrounding its Grand Opening and requirements for use.

In other news, the introduction of the new lates system which I mentioned in my previous letter is continuing to be effective in combating student lateness into school. I would like to thank you all for your continued support in addressing this.

I would also like to remind you please of our rules surrounding Mobile Phones and Hoodies. Hoodies are not permitted in school and are not part of the school uniform. A school blazer must be worn, and optional school jumpers can also be worn underneath the blazer if required.

Mobile Phones are also not permitted to be used in school, and we ask that they are stored away prior to entering school grounds please.

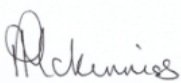
Students are aware of the expectations surrounding Mobile Phones and Hoodies which are communicated regularly in Form Time, and I thank you in advance for your support in these areas.

Many thanks also go to those of you who have taken the time to complete the online form in relation to the consultation surrounding school uniform. The consultation is open until 28<sup>th</sup> February, and I very much welcome those who haven't had chance to, to take part. Your feedback is valuable to us. If you are yet to add your responses, please do so by clicking the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/rW6514mbmC>

Lastly, a huge thank you goes out to all involved in a successful Year 7 PCE at the start of this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend, and we thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you to OSCA.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend,

Many Thanks and Kindest Regards



Mr Peter McKinniss  
Head of School