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Dear Parents,

Due to the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, this letter is being sent later than previously planned. As a mark of respect, schools have been limiting communication during the time of national mourning. Normal service has now resumed.

Welcome

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. I would particularly like to welcome new parents who have children joining our school this year. We have been really impressed with the start that all students have made in school. We have been particularly impressed by new Year 7 students with their positive attitudes to learning and who have risen to the challenge of finding their way around a new school, which is really impressing our staff. Traditionally at the beginning of term, alongside welcoming new students, I would also like to welcome new members of staff to the STCM Team. I have listed our new staff below as follows:

Teachers/Learning Coaches:

Mrs Melanie Byng (MLB) - Teacher of performing arts
Mrs Susanna Chapman (SCH) - Teacher of MFL
Miss Savannah Ney (SGN) - Teacher of RE
Mr Graeme Chamberlain (GJC) - Teacher of computing and IT
Miss Kathryn Walton (KLW) - Maths learning coach
Mrs Emma Bristow (EJB) - Teacher of science

Learning Support Assistants/Mentors:

Mr Martin Shute
Mr Andrew Ball
Mr Jodie Gonzales
Mrs Zoe Mudd
Miss Phoebe Lewis
Mr Ethan Bates
Mrs Rachel Vernon

HR Officer:

Mrs Katherine Ochiltree

Our priorities this year

This year we are focusing on two things in school. These are; high expectations, and academic aspirations and achievement. Miss Kingdon, deputy headteacher, will be writing home to parents to give more detail about what this means from a teaching and learning point of view and Mr Horrocks, assistant headteacher, will be writing home to give more detail about what this means from an attendance, behaviour and conduct point of view. We look forward to working with students and parents to achieve great things this year.

Data Collection/ Parental Consent

We are currently issuing parents with a copy of the personal information we hold on our system for their child. It is really important that parents keep their child's personal information up to date. When data collection forms are issued, can parents please complete and return these as soon as possible so we know our system is up to date.

To ensure schools comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we need to ask for consent for a variety of different things e.g. if you give permission for your child's photo to be taken and used in school communications. Please can parents click on the link below to complete our consent form: [Consent Form](#)

New buildings

I am pleased to be able to let you know some good news regarding our delayed building project. We have been able to take back control of some of the buildings that have now been refurbished, rebuilt, or reconfigured as part of the £3.6 million building project. The areas are looking fantastic and I hope that students are enjoying these new facilities. This building project is due to be completed by January 2023, with our next project starting in the summer of 2023. Over the summer we have also invested heavily in refurbishing other areas of the school and this work will continue over the course of this academic year. We want our facilities to match the ambition we have for learning and achievement.

Meet the Tutor Event

On Tuesday 4th October we will be hosting our Meet the Tutor Evening. This will be a virtual event that gives parents an opportunity to meet with your child's tutor and discuss how they have settled back into school and how we can support them to make great progress this year. Later in the year there will be a face to face parents' evening for parents to meet individual subject teachers and get more subject specific feedback. Your child's head of year will write to invite parents to make bookings next week.

Autumn Term Canteen Menu

Our school canteen is open from 8:15am to 8:40am for breakfast each day, and serves a range of hot and cold food for students to purchase at break and lunch times during the day. Please visit the school website to view the price list and canteen menu for this half term: [STCM: Canteen](#)

Good Neighbours

As our school continues to grow in size we have seen an increase in traffic in the local area both before and after school. Already this term we have received a number of complaints about

inconsiderate parking around the local area at drop off and collection times. Please can we ask parents to be mindful of parking when they are dropping off or collecting their children. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary

This term is always a very busy term. Please see below some key dates for your diary:

Autumn Term Key Dates	
28.09.22	Yr 10 Information Evening
28.09.22	Yr 12 Induction Evening
04.10.22	Tutor Parents' Evening (Virtual Event)
06.10.22	Open Morning
14.10.22	Curry & Quiz night for new Year 7 Parents
20.10.22	Open Morning
20.10.22	Yr 11 Parents' Evening
October Half Term	
01.11.22	All Saints Service
09.11.22	Parent Forum: Know Your Community
09.11.22 - 11.11.22	Yr 11 Interview Experience
11.11.22	Remembrance Service
14.11.22 - 24.11.22	Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams
15.11.22	GCSE Certificate Afternoon
23.11.22	Yr 11 Options Evening
25.11.22	St Cuthbert Mayne Day (including Services)
28.11.22	School Closed: INSET/Twilight Day
30.11.22	Yr 10 Parents' Evening
05.11.22 - 09.11.22	School Drama Production
16.12.22	Christmas Service
Christmas Holiday	

I would like to wish you and your child a great term and I look forward to meeting you at the various events we have planned.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher