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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

It has been fantastic to welcome students back to school after the Christmas holidays and to hear what they have been up to over the holiday period.

It has been a really good start to the term with lots of great things happening in school already. Students have returned looking really smart and focused on their learning.

Last week we launched our Collective Worship theme for this term, which is 'Educating for Life in all its fullness'. Over the course of this half term students will be exploring our school vision and how this is rooted in Christian theology. Students will be exploring the parable of The Good Shepherd in John Chapter 10.

Our extra curricular programme is underway so please encourage your child to get involved with as many activities as possible. Students will shortly be signing up for enrichment activities which will take place during the last week of the academic year next July.

In Key Stage 4 and 5, students in Year 11 and 13 have started to focus more intensely on the exams that will fast approach this summer. I can't believe there are only 15 school weeks until exams start. We'll be working hard to support students in their preparations but the real hard work needs to be done by students to ensure they are fully prepared. We'll shortly be taking students who are considering university next September to UCAS events alongside the other enrichment activities such as the parliament trip that was enjoyed by many last week. We will also be supporting students in Year 11 with their Key Stage 5 options and pathways as they too have some important decisions to make about their future.

GCSE pathways have been launched with Year 9 students. It's that time in the school calendar where these students start to think about their GCSE and vocational qualifications for September 2024. Our Year 9 Pathways event on 8th February will be a really important evening for all Year 9 students and their parents.

As you can see, there is lots going on in school and we are set for an action packed term ahead.
Please find below some key dates for your diary:

Thursday	25.01.24	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday	30.01.24	Immunisations (Library)
Thursday	08.02.24	Year 9 Pathways Evening
Monday - Friday	12.02.24 - 16.02.24	February Half Term
Monday - Wednesday	19.02.24 - 28.02.24	Yr 11 - 13 Mock Exams
Thursday	29.02.24	Friends of STCM Event
Wednesday	06.03.24	Deep Learning Morning
Wednesday - Friday	13.03.24 - 22.03.24	Progress Check 3
Thursday	21.03.24	Sixth Form Parents' Evening
Tuesday	26.03.24	Mock Results Day
Thursday	28.03.24	Easter Services
Friday	29.03.24	Bank Holiday - Good Friday
Monday - Friday	01.04.24 - 12.04.24	Easter Holidays

Wishing you and your family a great term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher