



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to thank those parents/carers who responded to our recent parent survey. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the direction the College is heading in and the work that everyone has done over the past 15 months. In every area surveyed, there was an increase in positive feedback about the improvements that have been made. Our challenge now is to continue to improve further and to ensure that we maintain the high standards that have been set.

In terms of the suggested priorities for the College going forward, it is clear that parents still want us to focus on the quality of teaching and learning and the quality of outcomes for students, something we are obviously extremely committed to as well. The quality of facilities and the extra-curricular offer was also identified, again areas that we will continue to improve over the next year.

Whilst the feedback on home-school communication was very positive, we will always look to improve it further. As a result, we have put together a very quick summary of what has been achieved over the past few months, with information about what we are planning next. We will never stand still in our aim to provide our students and your children with the best possible experience and education possible. This guide will be sent to all existing and prospective parents and carers next week.

As this letter is being sent out to parents/carers, we will be in the midst of our 12 hours of sport event. Over 300 students are involved in a range of sporting activities over the whole day, with some special guest stars joining us as well. More on this in my final letter before Christmas.

Our high expectations of student behaviour extend through to the buses and the journey's students have to and from the College. Whilst the vast majority of students are well behaved, it is always disappointing when we receive reports from drivers when they are experiencing poor behaviour, and in some cases abuse from students. In such circumstances as a College, we will address these incidents in line with our behaviour policy, however the bus company involved may also issue a bus ban for a period of time. May we also emphasise that in no circumstance should students leave the bus mid stop unless directed by the driver. This is unsafe and will be addressed under our behaviour policy. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Our final day of school for this term is Friday the 20th of December. As we did last year, we will be finishing early at 12.30pm. Buses and taxis have been informed, and will be doing their usual runs leaving the College by 12.45pm. There will be full canteen facilities as usual for break time; if there is any issue in students finishing earlier on this day, please let the relevant Houses know and we will supervise until the end of the day.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Baxby
Principal