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Dear Parent/Carer

First of all my apologies for not sending this out as the usual Friday communication, but I was waiting for the opportunity to make a couple of announcements, which could not be confirmed until today.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Wright, who due to a family relocation will be leaving Witchford. However, she will not be leaving us straight away, and will still be a member of the senior team for the near future. A further change to the senior team will see Mr Mappedoram taking a step back from his Assistant Principal role to lead on raising the outcomes and progress for our current Year 10s, a model used to great success this year with our current Year 11s. I want to thank them both personally for playing an integral role in the future of the College.

As a result I am happy to announce that we have made two new appointments to the senior team. Both of whom join us with a wealth of experience and a real excitement for the job ahead. I will formally announce their names, background and roles after half term.

In other news... as part of the new pilot scheme the 'Revive project', a group of 15 Year 8 students visited the AMEY Cespa recycling plant near Landbeach. After a very interesting tour of the facility, the students each chose a piece of furniture that they would then have the task of upcycling for sale. Using specialist support from a local artist, they are now working on their item to prepare it for sale on the AMEY selling site. Once sold students will be rewarded for their endeavours by AMEY. The project is the start of a national scheme linked to world environment day and the need to recycle.

The Year 11 exams continue at pace. We have been really pleased with the approach that our students have taken and the work they have put in. Soon we will be saying goodbye to them, and they will leave a real gap as a key part of our College.

As the weather continues to improve, I have already had queries from students regarding uniform expectations. If we are lucky enough to have another heat wave, I have no problem in authorising the wearing of College sport kit, as we did last year. However, we will monitor the weather on a week-by-week basis and clearly communicate to everyone if a different uniform regime would be appropriate.

We are looking towards the next stage of the College's growth and as a result, we would like to draw up some basic plans about what we would like to build given the opportunity. Therefore, if there are any parents/carers with design or architectural experience I would be grateful if they could contact me at the College with any support you would be willing to offer.

Finally, a reminder that our Parent Forum Evening will take place tonight at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Baxby
Principal