



Dear Parents

There has, inevitably, been much excitement in the school this week as we have begun the process of rolling out the iPads for students in Years 7 to 11. Both students and teachers are pleased to have a new tool that will further enhance the learning experiences for our students in the classroom. As with any new initiative, we will be monitoring the impact and reviewing training needs and what apps are recommended as the devices start to become embedded in our practice. Many staff have commented on how far things have moved on since they were at school; in those days even desk-top computers were a rarity (how old some of us are!), and yet today students are comfortable with using a range of devices and applications, and have access to a whole world of information at their fingertips.

Yesterday we were pleased to see so many parents and students from Years 10 and 12 attending the Academic Review Evening, and it was also great to hear from many students how well supported they feel in these crucial years. Linking with this, of course, we have our 'Into IGCSE' evening coming up next Wednesday, and our 'Into IB' evening on 10 November, which are the first steps for our Year 9 and Year 11 students to embark on the next phase of their learning journeys, and we look forward to welcoming many of you at these events.

We are, of course, also in the final throes of preparing for Project Week – students are busy with the final push on fundraising, and I'm sure parents are equally busy checking packing lists to ensure that students will have everything they need with them, on what I am sure will be a hugely rewarding and exciting week of learning beyond the classroom.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

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