



Dear Parents,

This week has seen the final Academic Review Evenings for Term 1 completed, and teachers are now in the process of writing the end-of-term reports. As many of you will be aware, this year will be the last year that we report on 'levels' for Years 7, 8 and 9, as these have now been phased out in the UK. Our revised reporting system, whilst still including levels this year, is starting to move towards a more qualitative style of reporting. This should allow parents to better understand what their son/daughter is able to do and what they need to do to progress further. More information on the revised reporting processes for next year will follow in due course.

Our Term 1 assessments for Years 7 – 10 appear to have gone smoothly, and I hope they have helped the students to identify their own strengths and areas for development. For the next two weeks, Year 11 and Year 13 students will be sitting their mock exams, and we wish them the very best for these important exams.

There are a number of events where we hope to see parents over the coming week or so. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, which sounds like a wonderful event. We also look forward to welcoming Year 12 parents to the Introduction to Higher Education event on Monday 30 November (5 – 6:30pm). Finally, I am sure that many of you will be looking forward to the Carol Concert on Thursday at 6pm. The latter is sure to help us get into the festive mood!

With kind regards

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