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**YEAR 12 SPRING TERM 2015**

Dear Year 12 Parents

This has been another very busy term for the Year 12 students. They are now fully fledged IB students who are dealing ever more confidently with their subjects and with the challenge of managing their many academic, CAS and extra-curricular commitments. Their end of term tracker report is enclosed, and it is good to see a great deal of positive academic progress across the year group.

Shortly after the break, there will be a chance to meet with your son or daughter's subject teachers at the **Student Parent Teacher Conference for Year 12 on Thursday 9 April**. This will run from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and will take place in the secondary campus as usual. This is a great opportunity to see how your son or daughter is getting on in the IB programme, to review progress so far and to look ahead to the rest of the academic year. Your son or daughter will be making appointments with each individual teacher – please tell them if there are particular times which work best for you or which need to be avoided. It is very important that your son or daughter comes to the meetings with you, as the open three-way communication that this allows is extremely valuable.

As I write, your sons and daughters are starting to think about their choice of Extended Essay topic, and this process will continue just after the break. It is always good for parents to be interested and involved in students' academic studies, and I encourage you to talk to your son or daughter about the area in which they are planning to complete the biggest single project that they will complete as part of the IB Diploma Programme, which they will finally complete and submit in November.

Just over 50 students who study Biology, Geography and Environmental Systems have just returned from a fieldwork trip to Yangshuo, and it has been good to hear that they have undertaken some excellent work in collecting data for their IB Internal Assessments, and that they were praised by the local guides for their positive and focused approach to their work. A number of these students were also involved in the extraordinary production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' last week, and will certainly be ready for their holiday!

I wish you a very happy and relaxing break.

With best wishes

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