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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's been a pleasure to welcome our students back to school this week, and I'm delighted to report that the start of the new academic year has been very successful.

Our returning students have settled back into school life with enthusiasm, and I'd like to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 cohort and any other new students that are joining us this year. They have adapted remarkably well, finding their way around the campus with confidence, supported by our dedicated staff and helpful students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with school uniform. The vast majority of students—99.9%—are wearing their uniform to a very high standard, and they look exemplary. We are aware of concerns raised regarding the quality of school jumpers, and I want to reassure you that I have already discussed this with Monkhouse over the summer. We are exploring improvements and also considering offering additional uniform outlets to provide more choice for families. I'll keep you updated on this as plans develop.

Across the campus, students are engaged, focused, and already making progress in their learning, which is fantastic to see. Our mobile phone "out of sight" protocol is being followed effectively, and we've noticed a positive impact on student interaction and engagement throughout the school day.

A quick note on parking: the site is currently very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as families adjust to routines. We anticipate this will ease over the coming weeks as parents find suitable and safe places to park. In the meantime, please be mindful of the congestion and, where possible, consider car-sharing or alternative transport arrangements.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We're looking forward to a productive and successful year ahead.

Regards, Colin





