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Dear parents and carers

End of week 1 of the new academic year.



We have had a fantastic start to the school year. You will be pleased to know that students, despite the unseasonal week, have come smartly dressed, on time and with a willingness to settle into a strong work ethic from the outset. This is all the more impressive after a six-week break

You can keep in touch with how your child is doing through Satchel One. If you have yet to do so, you can download the Satchel One app. You will be

able to see how many achievement points and behaviour incidents there have been for your child, as well as keep track of the homework they have and when it is due to be handed in.

From Monday, we will launch the homework timetable for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. We are waiting another couple of weeks for Year 7. This year we are also launching Study Support Sessions after school for students in Years 7, 8 and 9, in which they can attend a homework club to support them completing what has been set.

The Study Support Session can be accessed via self-referral by the student but may also be directed by teachers when a student misses a homework deadline. Teacher-directed referrals will be communicated via the Satchel One app, so you will find it helpful to have access to the app.

Our start of term theme has been to **'let your light shine'** – a start to the new school year where everyone can make a fresh start or continue with the great work ethic from last year.

With students and in our staff training, we are focusing on what makes for highly effective learning in the classroom. These are centred around the 4Rs.

Routines
Retain
Revise
Retrieve

Back to more seasonal weather next week it would seem, but before then enjoy the lovely weather this weekend and, once again, thank you for all your support.

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