



8 November 2024

Dear parents and carers

## Autumn 2 Week 2 Parent Letter

**Our learning priorities for this half term:** There are three areas that I have spoken to all students about for this half term and we are embedding them in all lessons across the school.



- **100%:** that *all* students give 100% in their learning and *all* students follow instructions swiftly first time.
- **Progress:** that in any lesson, every student makes demonstrable progress and knows what it is they know or can do at the end of the lesson that they didn't at the start of it.
- **Talking with purpose:** we are focused on encouraging effective dialogue in lessons, focused on demonstrating and checking for understanding.

**Remembrance:** On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, we will hold our commemoration for Remembrance Day. Each year, weather permitting, we gather collectively outside as a full school community – staff and students – to remember those who lost their lives in war and conflict. Any students who are part of a uniformed organisation are welcome to wear that uniform for the whole school day.

**Reminder - Year 11 parent and student webinar (mocks):** as mentioned last week, there is a webinar for all Year 11 parents and students at 6pm this coming Monday (11<sup>th</sup> November) regarding getting ready for their mocks. It is not too late to sign up for this. You can do that via this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Rkktqba9QeWDPMb\\_j6WpeQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Rkktqba9QeWDPMb_j6WpeQ)

**Recording of incoming calls to the school:** We pride ourselves on our close working with parents knowing that when we work closely together this will be for the benefit of your child's success at school.

In line with many schools and other organisations, parents are reminded that calls made into school are recorded for training and monitoring purposes. On very rare occasions, staff have been subjected to inappropriate tone, abusive language and even threats. This is the exception and not the norm, but will not be tolerated and appropriate action will be taken where this occurs, as has been necessary this week.

Thank you, as always, for all your support.

Yours faithfully  
**Kieran Larkin**  
Headteacher

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