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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by thanking you for your attendance at our recent Progress Evening. It was lovely to meet with you to discuss your child's progress and hear all your positive comments. We will meet again early in the New Year for our Year 8 Options Evening. A letter will be sent out to you very soon containing further information. Once you receive this letter, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the evening then please do not hesitate to contact me.

As mentioned in my Head of Year letter from last term, we have now started a new homework policy based around Knowledge Organisers. Year 8 students were the first year group to use this new programme and I have been very impressed with their response to it. Students have taken great pleasure in showing me their completed Knowledge Organiser homework and many tutors and teachers have commented on the enthusiasm of the students when completing their homework.

This term also marked the start of our Edale adventure. At the time of writing this letter, 8MGS had already attended Edale. I appreciate that the thought of staying away from home may pose a challenge for some of our students and they may also feel apprehensive as to the activities involved, but those students who attended last week, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It has also been commented that the behaviour of the students was exemplary. Well done to all involved! My hope is that this experience may lead the students to a lifetime love of the outdoors that they can then pass on to future generations. If you are concerned about any aspect of the Edale Adventure then please contact the school and ask to speak to either Mr Scott Relton or Mr Dave Relton.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our HPV Vaccination programme starts on January 29th 2020. Hopefully you have all now completed the online consent form to allow your child to take advantage of this vaccination. To provide full protection, this will be the first dose needed, with a second when your child is in year 9.

Miss Belcher has asked me to mention the amazing job that Ronnie Gore, Tabitha McCombie, Kiera Savage, Angel-Sian Dawson and Lily Skinner did with their performances in this year's Christmas Concert. In particular, well done to Ronnie Gore for his excellent piano performance.

Before I close, congratulations go to fourteen Year 8 students who have maintained 100% attendance from the start of this academic year. These students are:

Felicity Limb
Tyler Smith
Archie Lenton
Archie Edwards
Luke Cooper

Oliwia Wojtyniak
Jacob Scuffham
Joseph Howitt
Timothy James Dunn
Oliver Blomeley

Coral Tilsley
Tabitha McCombie
George Harker
Alisia Deltuvaite

Well done and keep it up.

I'd like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and remind you that students return to school on Tuesday 7th January, which will be a week B.

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