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Dear Parent/Carer,

As stated on parents evening, academically, we continue to focus on students' attendance and progress. Driving progress is at the heart of every decision made; each student is provided with the support needed in order to ensure they finish their GCSE courses with the grades deserved. Our ethos 'progress for all' cannot be emphasised enough at this key point. We are continually striving to ensure that attendance is high for all students; students need to be in school in order to maximise their progress. On the topic of attendance I would like to congratulate Domilis Purnas, Vladislavs Lipickis-Solovjovs and William Cooper who at the time of writing this letter have managed to maintain 100% attendance. I think it is also worth mentioning Charlotte Moore, Chrystal Dix and Millie-Rose Wesley who have an attendance of 99.47%.

As a small way of rewarding students we would like to show our appreciation to those who maintain a 100% attendance on a weekly basis and coupled with no negative referrals in what is known as a perfect week. Students who regularly achieve this with their positive attitude towards school have been taken to and will continue to be escorted to the shop/chippy across the road at lunchtime. While we all know this is a small reward it is one the students seem to have appreciated judging by the goods they bring back on their return. We want these students to realise that their positive attitude towards school is not going unnoticed.

The focus of SMSC this term has been healthy minds. I feel that with another round of Pre-Public Examinations as soon as we return on Monday 24th February until Friday 28th February it is important that students maintain a good balance between work and play. While we all want the pupils to try their best and prepare themselves as best as possible I would also encourage the students to have down time and to do healthy activities that they enjoy.

With Giles Voice now being re-launched I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Oskar Sobota & Nikola Keisa on being voted our representatives for Year 11. This provides them with a platform to represent the year group and give opinions and be a part of how Year 11 believe the school can be improved.

There has been an increase lately of students getting piercings and dyeing their hair unnatural colours. This is not in accordance with our behaviour policy and should pupils return from the holidays with piercings and dyed hair they may find themselves being removed from circulation and placed in the LSC until the situation is resolved.

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Finally I would like to remind parents that as of writing this letter there is a half term intervention on every day of the half term to help further support their learning. If you have signed up for a session, keep in touch with our facebook page daily for up to date details on the sessions available. These sessions are hugely beneficial, therefore please attend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sutherland', written in a cursive style.

Mr Sutherland
Head of Year 11