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Dear Parent/Carer,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our students to the start of the new term. I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and refreshing break. Our students are settling in very well and enjoying the wide range of learning opportunities available to them. Y7 and Y12 are making an excellent transition enjoying their fresh start. I am pleased that despite well-publicised recruitment shortages in the profession we are fully staffed. Our new staff have hit the ground running, bringing a fresh energy and enthusiasm to the School. This coupled with our existing experience and expertise is going to build hugely on the successes of last year.

Examination Success

At Grove College we have had yet another year of excellent results. All subjects are, once again, above the national average for progress and all students gained a place at their destination of choice. I am also very pleased to say that our GCSE results show a rapid improvement on last year and are a tribute to the hard work of our students and staff as well as the support of our parents and carers. In Maths GCSE we are proud to be above national average having a student who achieved an A* Distinction in his Further Maths examination: the highest possible award for this subject. Amongst many other individual successes our Sport and Child Development students also achieved exceptionally well. Our current Year 11 and Year 13 students look set to have even greater success in the year ahead.

Parent Drop-Ins

As you know, I value communication with you greatly and am very much looking forward to the Parent Drop-Ins which begin today in the library from 15:00 – 16:30 and will take place every Thursday. Please do take this opportunity to come along and talk to me or any member of the Senior Leadership Team. There are many exciting events on offer so please refer to the website for the **Parent Calendar** outlining the events in the year at a glance.

Site Development

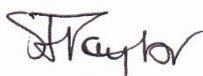
From new tarmac in our car park to a continuation of the window replacement programme, parents will know that we are committed to improving the site and making it a vibrant learning environment. We have also upgraded our IT rooms and have relaunched the café in Grove College where students now have a greater variety of options on offer.

Uniform

All our students are wearing their uniform with pride and we appreciate your support with this. Any issues with uniform are recorded in your child's' planner. Please support us by checking this planner once a week. Our uniform policy is unchanged and can be viewed on the website and in the planner. Our supplier is in school on the first Wednesday of every month from 15:00 – 16:30 or you can order items online (trutexmeir.com)

It is a busy and exciting term and has begun well with a fantastic buzz around the School and College. I very much look forward to working in partnership with you in the year ahead to ensure all our students achieve their potential.

Yours faithfully



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