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Dear Parents and Carers,

You have already received quite a bit of communication from the school this week so I will keep this one brief.

My thanks for your support in ensuring we had a great start to the new academic year. The students have been fantastic and year 7 has settled in very quickly. On Wednesday, all year groups had assemblies and in tutor time we launched our new "Howden Way" programme which already has had a positive impact. This is an initiative that will run throughout the year, educating our students on a variety of whole school topics such as curriculum, achievement, behaviour and safeguarding.

There has been a real sense of purpose in the school this week; our students have come back in an excellent frame of mind which is very pleasing to see. Punctuality has been good as has been the learning in lessons. At social times, the atmosphere has also been excellent with younger students enjoying the additional space in the Key Stage 3 canteen. In relation to social times, can I please remind you that students are to stay on site at lunchtime. Year 11 parents and carers will have received a separate letter but for information, our new "GCSE launch event" is at 5pm this coming Thursday where there will be various presentations and students will receive a folder containing a wide range of resources. I hope all year 11 students and their parents/carers are able to attend. I am sure it will be an invaluable evening.

We have introduced a process which will monitor communications more effectively, however, should you feel that any concern you have made has not been addressed in a timely manner, we are trialing an SLT surgery every Wednesday starting on 11th September from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Appointments can be requested using the following link and we ask that you include a brief explanation of the reason for the appointment. <https://forms.office.com/e/sGjzbEHWCr>

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher