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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we draw to the end of this calendar year, I want to draw your attention to a few important issues in readiness for Term 2.

External Examinations –January 2019

Friday 4 January 2019Y - Mathematics Revision Class (Year 12)

Tuesday 8 January 2019: Mathematics – Year 12 GCSE Examination Module– M2, M3, M4

Wednesday 9 January 2019: English Year 12 – 12SE GCSE Examination Module (Mrs O'Neill's class)

Year 12 Mock Examinations – Pupils are only required in school when they have a timetabled examination. They must not leave the school site if they have two examinations in one day. Uniform must be worn at all times.

Monday 14 January – Friday 18 January 2019

Work Experience – Monday 21 January – Wednesday 23 January 2019.

Pupils are not required in school on 24 and 25 January 2019 – Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 15 February 2019 – 10.00am – 12noon

Pupils must accompany parents to this meeting for results review.

Year 13 Mock Examinations – Thursday 17 – Wednesday 23 January 2019

Parent Teacher Meeting

15 February 2019 – 1.30pm – 3.25pm – Pupils must attend with parents to review results.

Year 14 – Mock Examinations – Friday 18 January – Wednesday 23 January 2019

Parent Teacher Meeting

15 February 2019 – 1.30pm – 3.25pm – Pupils must attend with parents to review results.

Open Night: Our Open night this year will be held on Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 7pm. All pupils will finish at 12 noon that day. Open Night is a very important event in our school year, allowing us to showcase the school and pupil achievement. If you have a Primary 6 or 7 child or a prospective Sixth Form student, we look forward to seeing you on the night.

Attendance and Punctuality: There is a very strong link between high academic performance and excellent school attendance. Parents are asked to ensure their child attends school every day. Punctuality in the mornings is also vital. If a child's attendance falls below 85% the school will refer this to Education Welfare.

Uniform Standards: Sperrin pupils are expected to maintain the highest standards in uniform and appearance. Parents are asked to ensure their child adheres to these standards. School scarfs can be purchased from the school office.

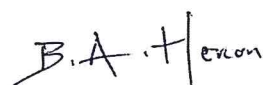
Parent Governors / Board of Governors: I am asking parents to consider if they would like to become a parent governor. The Board of Governors oversee the effective running of the school. They meet once per month and help develop the strategic plans of the school. The Board members have a wide range of skills, however, we are seeking interest from parents who have a finance/business background, Human Resources (H R) or Legal background (Solicitor / Legal service). I will write to all parents in the New Year to seek nominations for parent governors. This is a rewarding role and I would ask you to think about forwarding your name for consideration.

Term Two: Dates:

Friday 4 January 2019	Maths Booster Day (Year 12 Select group only)
Monday 7 January 2019	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 23 January 2019	Open Night – 12noon finish for all pupils
Thursday 24 January 2019	Parent Teacher Meeting (No formal lessons)
Friday 25 January 2019	Parent Teacher Meeting (No formal lessons)
Friday 15 February 2019	Year 12 & Sixth Form Parent Teacher Meetings. (No other Year Groups in school.)
Mid Term Break Monday 18 February 2019 - Monday 25 February 2019 (inclusive)	
Monday 25 February 2019	Staff Development Day (No Pupils in School)
Tuesday 26 February 2019	All pupils return to School
Monday 18 March 2019	St Patrick's Day – School Closed
Monday 15 April - Wednesday 17 April - Easter School (Years 11 – 14 Only in school)	
Thursday 18 April – Friday 26 April 2019 – School Closed Easter Holidays (inclusive)	
Monday 29 April 2019 – All pupils return to school – Term 3	

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and I wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely



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