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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.

Academic Reports: I have attached a copy of your child's report. It is important to take some time to discuss the outcomes of Assessment Point Two (AP2) focusing on the areas for development. In January 2019, your child will review their targets and set new ones for Term Two.

Parent, Teacher, Pupil Meeting: Our parent, pupil and teacher meetings will be held at the following times:

Thursday 24 January 2019:	Year 8 - 10.00am – 12.00noon
	Year 11 1.30pm - 3.25pm
Friday 25 January 2019	Year 9 10.00am - 12.00noon
	Year 10 1.30pm - 3.25pm

- There will be no lessons running on these days for pupils.
- Pupils are required to attend these meetings with their parents. (Pupils must wear full school uniform)
- The purpose of this meeting is to discuss academic performance with each subject teacher.

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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