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Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome back to the second half term of this academic year. The pupils have had an excellent start and yesterday we were blessed to have the company of three priests to celebrate our feast day mass. All Saints day was a true celebration for us.

There are a few points I would ask to share with you as parents and as ever I know I can count on your full support in these matters. As a community we strive for excellence in all aspects of school life. This is particularly important with the discipline of punctuality. Punctuality is expected and all pupils are to be on site by 8.45am. It is noted that there are some pupils who are letting this slip. We will be meeting with some parents with regard to this. Barking and Dagenham is a very busy borough and there can be traffic however please ensure your child leaves in good time to arrive at school and make a positive start to their day.

Uniform – this is generally excellent and the Yr12 are looking incredibly smart in their uniform and are great role models for our younger students. There are again a small number of girls whose skirts are 'rolled up' or too short. If your child persistently arrives in inappropriate uniform you will as parents be called and asked to collect them and then return them to school in full appropriate uniform. We hope that we do not have to do this however it is a basic expectation and unfair on the children and parents if 99% of our students who turn up daily adhering fully to our uniform code.

## **Uniform Consultation**

Thank you for taking part in our consultation. This was a genuine full consultation where we were looking at the uniform particularly the trousers of the uniform and the PE kit. The parental and pupil response was divided down the middle with 51% wanting change and 49% wanting the uniform to remain the same. A number of parents raised concerns regarding financial uncertainties and the increased cost of living currently. The leadership team and the governors have taken this fully on board. As a result, we will wait a year and then re-consult when we may have a better idea of the financial implications of the new government and family budgets. I thank you for your support in this matter.





















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## Please find below some key dates for your diary.

9 <sup>th</sup> November	6 <sup>th</sup> form Open Evening
21st November	Yr 13 Mock Exam week
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 11 Mock Exam week
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service
20th December	Last day of term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	School re-opens

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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As it gets more wintry please ensure your child has a navy blue or black school coat.

With every good wish,

Ms C Cantle Headteacher