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Dear Parent/Carer,

The new school year is now well and truly underway and I hope that your son or daughter has settled back well into the school routine.

Early close on Thursday, 26th September and INSET day Friday, 27th September

On the evening of Thursday 26th September we have an open evening for prospective year 7 students and the school will be closing early to enable us to prepare for the event. All boys will be dismissed at 2pm. Afternoon registration will be at 1.50pm.

Students in the joint sixth form should check with their teacher if they are required to attend their period 5 lesson on Thursday 26th September.

On Friday 27th September there is a staff development day. There will be **no lessons** for all students. We have another staff development day on Friday 22nd November.

Building work

As you may know, a further phase of restoration and remodelling work began in the summer holidays. This work is programmed to finish at the end of October.

One consequence of the building work is that we currently cannot use the Year 7 quad and we have temporarily lost use of the lower playground. To help us manage the reduced outside space we have moved Year 7 lunch into period 4. Unfortunately, we currently have fewer lunchtime clubs and activities for Year 7 as fewer staff are available at that time to run them.

By the end of this phase we will have:

- New windows throughout the school
- Two quads for students to use at lunch and break
- Improved circulation around school between lessons
- MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) and Maths super classrooms
- An additional Languages classroom

I look forward to working with you all this year and to seeing you at some of the events this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S White
Headteacher