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Dear Parent / Carer

WELCOME BACK

I am writing to all parents today, primarily to welcome the new parents of Year 7 and the parents of students who have joined us in other year groups, but also to wish a very warm welcome back to everyone. Year 7 seem to have settled in well and I enjoyed welcoming them in their introductory assembly yesterday morning. They all seemed very keen and, surprisingly, rather calm and composed too!

I must also say how impressed I have been walking around school chatting to our students. The focus on our new skirt and appropriate footwear has made an enormous difference; indeed, a visitor to the school yesterday commented on how smartly turned out everyone was.

However, I do appreciate that getting to this point may not have been easy for some. It has certainly contributed to the extremely positive feel around school. As many of you will know, there have been some issues for some parents in acquiring skirts and blazers from our uniform supplier, Total Clothing. We have been in regular contact with them and they have confirmed that the majority of orders that were placed before 25 August will be fulfilled within the next week. Skirts ordered after this date are expected within the next few weeks and will be despatched as soon as they arrive. Total Clothing have confirmed that they will contact parents directly with an update on the status of their order. In the interim, I would be grateful if all affected students could wear clothes that most closely match the new uniform. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you and thank you for your tolerance and understanding.

I also appreciate, being the parent of two teenage school students myself, the effort that is sometimes involved in ensuring that they are always dressed properly for school. I thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your child has arrived in the correct uniform and please let me assure you that they are certainly not the only one following our expectations. We value your support and look forward to it continuing throughout the school year.

I shall be writing to you again over the next few days to update you on a number of matters, but would like to wish you and your families a very successful school year.

Yours faithfully

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