



28 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this term, it is important once again to recognise the positivity and commitment of our students, your children. This term has seen a huge range of activities involving students visiting other schools, colleges or universities. Sports teams continue to grow and compete across the area. Careers week saw visiting speakers in school and in addition as part of maths month students have been involved in various maths events in Scarborough. There have also been field trips with more planned for next term. We are pleased to be able to return to these activities following the pandemic. Every time our students are involved in these activities they are praised for their politeness, their engagement and their enthusiasm. We, like you, are very proud of them!

As you already know, this term started with some IT issues causing one or two issues in school. Thankfully, almost everything has been resolved and is back to normal. We are still following up on some issues around payments for food in the canteen and we have been in touch with some of you. We would be grateful if you could continue to add money to Parent Pay on a regular basis and to make any outstanding payments. If you have any queries about this please email: [finance@gra.hslt.academy](mailto:finance@gra.hslt.academy)

As parents/carers of Year 9 students will know this term we trialled a 'hybrid' approach to Parents Evening with both face to face and online appointments available. This worked well and is an approach we will maintain for the remaining parents evenings this year: Year 8 on 27 April and Year 7 on 15 June. This approach allowed more parents/carers to be involved and is therefore beneficial to all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year if you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss.

As already mentioned we are immensely proud of our students. This week one of our Year 11 students is 'Braving the Shave' in support of Macmillan Cancer Research. We have decided to support her by having a bake sale in school on Friday 31 March. Cakes will be available for sale at break times. We will also be making a collection for Macmillan on Friday and any student who wants to make a donation will be able to do so.

Finally, Friday will be a non-uniform day; this is for all students and is to say thank you for their contribution to school this term. We will return to school after the holidays on Monday 17 April. Next term will be very full with Year 11 taking their GCSE examinations, and the start of our transition process for those students joining us as Year 7 in September 2023. I hope you are able to enjoy some quality time together during the holidays.

Yours faithfully

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