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Dear families

Welcome back

I hope everyone had a restful break and a lovely start to the new year. I would just like to make all families aware that I have now returned from maternity leave and Mrs Crolla and I will be leading the academy together until further notice. It was wonderful returning to work this week and seeing all our students.

Next week's arrangements

As you will all be aware, we regularly complete standards checks to ensure we are consistently maintaining the highest standards around the academy. As such, on Monday 12 January, we will be completing equipment and uniform checks throughout the day. To ensure your child does not receive any unnecessary corrections, students can continue to bring their coat in a bag to wear outside but it should not be worn inside therefore, all students must bring their blazers to school, and coats must in bags or in their lockers. If students are wearing outdoor shoes to travel to school in due to the wet weather, appropriate indoor school shoes must be brought and changed into. No trainers will be allowed to be worn indoors. Please can you also ensure your child has all the right equipment, including a scientific calculator.

Next week is also our attendance focus week, so please ensure your child is attending school every day as we know the correlation between attendance and outstanding grades is overwhelmingly positive. There will be various prizes and incentives to win for the best form's attendance in each year group.

To confirm, students will receive corrections from Monday if:

1. They do not have all their equipment, including a calculator
2. They are wearing trainers indoors and do not have appropriate school shoes on
3. They do not have their blazer, or they are wearing their coat indoors

We are holding our attendance focus week commencing 12 January, so please can you ensure your child is in school every day.

Dixons Trust Conference

On Friday 13 February, the Dixons Trust Conference will be taking place. This means all Dixons schools will be closed to Dixons students on this day.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information above, please contact the academy in the usual way.

Yours faithfully,

Francesca Hitch
Principal

