



30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Recent Parents' Evenings**

The last few weeks have continued to be busy in our calendar with important interactions happening at both Year 11 and Year 9 Parents' Evenings online. I know that conversations on these evenings will have helped shape the coming months in preparation for examinations and in working through option choices.

We are aware that some parents and carers had problems connecting to SchoolCloud for Year 9 Parents' Evening yesterday which was due to a nationwide SchoolCloud outage. If you would like feedback from specific subject teachers that you were unable to speak with, please email them directly.

### **School Trips Out**

Students have also taken the opportunity to get involved in trips out with the English department taking a group to the Poetry Live event, our Drama department visiting the theatre in Bristol and the Art department taking Year 11 students to London to visit the Tate Britain museum.

In addition to this, there have been many sporting fixtures against other schools. Our Year 12 Modern Languages students took part in a debate at a multi-school event at Bristol Grammar School, in the language they are studying, which they won so congratulations go to them. In addition, on Monday this week we took three teams of avid chess players to Bristol Grammar School to take part in a tournament with a good number of local schools at which they played brilliantly.

### **Year 8 Diversity Day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

All Year 8 students will be off timetable on this day and will be working through a variety of activities covering the important theme of diversity.

### **Potential Government Social Media Ban for Under 16s**

Meanwhile the government continue to consult on the possibility of banning under-16 year olds from using social media in the same way as has recently happened in Australia. It will be interesting watching how this plays out and if this comes into being how this will operate in this country. I know you will have your own views on this.

### **Year 13 Offers for University and Apprenticeships**

Well done to all of the students who have received offers for their next steps after they leave us in the summer. The opportunities ahead for them are varied and highly prestigious and we know that they are going to have such a positive impact on whatever they turn their hands to.

### **Parking at the End of the Day**

For those of you who do pick up your children at the end of the day, can I respectfully remind you around the need to park in an appropriate position. You will understand that we have neighbours and a good working relationship with them. With around 17 buses dropping off and picking up every day, I am conscious how busy things get. Perhaps look to utilise parking at the Rugby Club further up Chew Lane or maybe agree a location a short distance away from school to meet. I do appreciate your co-operation here.

Finally, another reminder that we have an INSET day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February so Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February will be our last day in school with students attending. We return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February following the half term break.

With best wishes,

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Headteacher