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NEWSLETTER SECONDARY SECTION

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Dear parents

The beginning of the school year seems to have been smooth for all. We have now entered the period of hard work, both for students and teachers, and I trust this will last until the end of the school year.

Student's illnesses. May I ask you to inform the school if your child is absent due to illness, and particularly if the doctor has diagnosed flu A.

Academic information. The first report will be taken home by students on 15th December. Teachers have informed students of how they are going to be assessed, so that students know what they have to do in order to obtain good results. Lessons taught after the 15th December will fall into the 2nd evaluation period. Parents Evening will be on Thursday 17th December 4-6.30 pm. In addition to this first report, the school will send two more reports, one before Easter, the other at the end of June

Promotion requirements. From S1 to S3 students can move to the following year with up to 3 subjects failed. Internal recuperations will be set to give students the opportunity to pass these failed subjects. The parents of students who fail more than 3 subjects will be contacted and invited for an interview with the Head of Year in order to find a solution to the academic problems of these students. **In order to promote from S4 to S5 it is necessary to pass 4 IGCSEs as well as internal marks. In order to promote from S5 to S6 it is necessary to pass 1 A level, 2 AS and internal marks. Should this not be the case, the student might have to repeat the year**

S6A and B end of term exams. S6 students already have a timetable of their exams and therefore should already begin to plan these. This is the last year and demands a bigger effort from the student. The school only permits to do the PAU in June to students who pass all subjects in May. Otherwise, the student will have to sit the PAU in September

Mocks S4,S5,S6. These preparatory exams for the "real" ones in May and June will take place at the end of December. The results will reflect the student's achievement at that stage. However, there are a few months left for improvement

Appointments with tutors and/or teachers. The tutor is the first person you should approach in case you wish to enquire about the academic and/or personal progress of your child. If you specify it when making the appointment with the office (928439810) the tutor can collect information from teachers to have it for the appointment. Both Heads of Year (for pastoral concerns) and Heads of Department (for curricular matters) are also available to meet with you.

Homework. Homework is an essential component of academic progress. Every day students must spend a reasonable time to do school homework. Every day students must spend some time doing their homework: 20-30 minutes in P6,S1,S2, 30 to 60 minutes in S3,S4, 2 to 4 hours in S5,S6.

Material students need to bring to school: pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, calculator etc

Thank you very much for your cooperation

Yours sincerely

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