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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. My apologies for writing outside of our usual Parent Newsletter, but I wanted to share the following important information with you today.

Update on Mrs Darcy

I would like to begin with some news about Mrs Darcy, our Pastoral Lead for Years 8 and 9. Mrs Darcy is currently taking a period of absence from school to undergo medical treatment. This has come about very suddenly, and as you can imagine, it is a difficult time for her. We do not yet know when she will be able to return, but we are staying in close contact and offering her our full support.

In her absence, we are putting arrangements in place to ensure our students continue to receive the care and guidance they need. Mrs Roden will be supporting our Year 8 cohort, and Mrs Morris will be working with Year 9. In addition, we are currently advertising for an additional Pastoral Lead to begin in January, with the post becoming permanent from September to further strengthen the team.

On behalf of the whole Kingstone community, I know you will join me in sending our warmest thoughts and heartfelt wishes to Mrs Darcy as she focuses on her treatment and recovery.

Uniform and Colder Weather

As the colder weather sets in, we have noticed an increasing number of students wearing hoodies. These are not permitted as part of our uniform policy and students will be asked to remove them. Alongside the compulsory shirt and blazer, students may wear the optional Kingstone jumper, but we kindly ask that you ensure your child brings a warm, weather-appropriate coat. Most hoodies we are seeing are not waterproof and offer little protection from the cold.

Sweets, Fizzy Drinks, Energy Drinks and Chewing Gums

We have also seen a rise in students bringing sweets, fizzy drinks, energy drinks, and chewing gum into school which are often purchased on the way in. Please could we ask that you speak with your child about this. These items will be confiscated, as many are not age-appropriate and can affect students' ability to concentrate and learn.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 11th December

Looking ahead, our Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 11th December. Due to the seasonal additions and festive dessert, the cost will be £3.35. The school will cover the additional cost for students in receipt of Free School Meals. For families whose children do not receive Free School Meals, please keep this price in mind for that day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a happy and restful weekend as we begin to look forward to the festive season.

Best wishes,

Matthew Morris