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Dear Parents and Carers

As we prepare for the next academic year, I am excited to welcome your child to Year 10, I will be their new Head of Year, guiding them through Years 10 and 11. This is a significant stage in their educational journey, marking the beginning of their preparation for their GCSEs and future opportunities.

I am writing to emphasize the crucial importance of punctuality and regular attendance. Consistent attendance is vital for your child's academic success and personal development. Research and our own experience show that students who attend school regularly and arrive on time perform better academically and are more engaged in their learning.

Moreover, colleges and further education institutions consider Upper School data when making admission decisions, some of them specifying the data from Year 10. These institutions look closely at attendance records as an indicator of a student's commitment and reliability. Unfortunately, students with a high number of lateness or low attendance rates are sometimes declined offers, regardless of their academic potential. It is essential that we work together to ensure your child presents the best possible record to these institutions.

We understand that occasional absences due to illness or other important reasons are sometimes unavoidable. However, minimizing these instances and ensuring they do not become habitual is crucial.

If you have any concerns or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to work with you to ensure that your child has a successful and fulfilling Year 10 and I am very much looking forward to working with them in the next two years.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy Smith'.

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