

23 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our year 12 students on a great first half term in the Sixth Form. Lots of people regularly tell me how pleased they are with the efforts of year 12 and how the atmosphere is special which has been lovely to hear. A big well done to all who were new to our school on settling in so well and a huge thank you to those who have been here a long time and helped the new students settle in.

There will be a change after half-term when the Godwyn House social rooms will be available to year 13 only. The social area available to year 12 will be the Brook's House space which is next to the main Dining Hall. The library will be available only to year 12 as a space for quiet work during non-contact lessons. At break time, the main Dining Hall will be where snacks are served and lunch will be available in the Sixth Form Dining Hall from 1.30 - 2.00. I have asked the students to please make a careful note of these changes and ensure that any belongings are removed from the Godwyn House building before they go home today.

I have had a number of conversations with students about anxiety and mental health issues and am including some links here to useful websites. I have also sent a booklet of advice to students separately that I hope will be useful.

[Student Minds](#) – the UK's student mental health charity offers useful advice.

[Student Stress](#) - will help you understand stress and anxiety and learn how to manage them.

[The straight facts](#) - from sexual health to drink and drugs. Brought to you by Radio 1 and 1Xtra.

[Young Minds](#) - a charity committed to improving emotional wellbeing for teenagers.

The first reports were issued last week and are available to parents using the SIMS app. These reports were based on the first test results and a lot of year 12 have made great improvements in the month since then. I have attached a letter about this app in case any of you did not receive my message last week.

I hope that you and your families will be able to enjoy a nice break and I look forward to seeing year 12 back in school on Wednesday 4th November - please remember it will be a week **B!**

Best wishes

Mr Griffith

