

October 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians

I write to inform you that our School Business Manager has secured funding to extend our existing reception area. Whilst we look forward to the new building there will be considerable disruption for 16 weeks whilst the work is being carried out.

The student entrance will remain the same with no disruption however, our visitors reception will be closed. We have a temporary visitors reception at the other end of the building (near the bottom gates). Facilities will not be the same as our current reception so I do ask for your patience and support when and if you need to visit the College.

I am sure you will have heard in the news that pupils are no longer required to sit SAT examinations in year 9. However, student progress will still be monitored through teacher assessments. We expect all Year 9 students to continue to work hard towards achieving their aspirational grades and making excellent progress.

On a rather sad note, as you are aware our Headteacher Mrs McNally has been ill for some time. Unfortunately after medical advice Mrs McNally has retired from the profession on ill health grounds. She will be visiting the Governors, staff and pupils in the near future to say goodbye.

Key Dates for your diary

Friday 24 October

School closes for $\frac{1}{2}$ term

Monday 3 November

School reopens

Tuesday 11 November

Year 11 Consultation evening

Thursday 13 November

Year 10 Maths exam

Thursday 20 November

Year 11 Science modular exams

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Week commencing 24 November

Year 11 GCSE mock exams

Thursday 4 December

Presentation Evening

Friday 5 December

School closes for Eid-ul-Adha

Thursday 11 December

School reopens

Friday 19 December

End of term achievement assembly

School closes

Monday 5 January 2009

School reopens

Yours sincerely

Miss C Skelding
Acting Headteacher