29th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Can I take this opportunity to update you on a number of things as we find ourselves at the end of February with only four weeks of this term left. Firstly many thanks to parents and pupils who attended last night's Options Choice evening. It was great to see so many and good for those who managed along to both be given the whole-school perspective in terms of the Choice of Course process and be able to talk to faculty staff about particular courses / appropriate levels of study going forwards. Thanks also go to our senior pupils who shared their own experiences of progressing into S4. S5 and S6.

Can I also update you on where we are in terms of pupil movement during the school day. We are delighted with the success of our electronic system for recording pupils out of class across the day. There is no question that the number of pupils leaving lessons has now reduced. A more effective tracking system also means that where we do have any concerns, we are more easily able to identify these and share with yourselves where necessary. Following the successful introduction of our new system, all toilet facilities are now open once again.

Finally can I share our recent success with Mr Ali Hynd, Depute and our S5 ROV lads were last week once again recognised for their commitment to excellence by the Society for Underwater Technology at Subsea Expo. "The President's Award" was presented to Mr Hynd in recognition of his mentoring of young people in both technological and life-skills and to the boys – in the first time this award has been awarded to a group of pupils - for their "*innovation, entrepreneurship and enthusiasm in running a highly professional, technical youth business; one that puts many fully fledged companies in the shade*". All success is, of course, cause for celebration but it's always particularly pleasing to have recognition from beyond our immediate school community.

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