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Dear Parent/Carer

Ring in the Changes for Year 8!

I have very much enjoyed getting to know our staff, students and their parents since my arrival in September. I now have a clear understanding of how the Academy operates and the New Year is the right time to “ring in the changes”.

I have attached a special Bulletin that has been written to explain about some of the changes that have taken place in recent weeks. I have also used it as an opportunity to explain how we approach student behaviour management to create a really positive climate for learning.

As parents ourselves, we also know how often our children try to persuade us that something isn't really a rule. I hope that the back page of our Bulletin gives you the clarity you need so you can discuss hoodies, trainers and fizzy drinks etc in the knowledge that you are being a supportive parent. We have not mentioned mobile phones but, equally, we do not expect to see them or hear them whilst on the Academy site – this is a basic expectation of all students for which we have no tolerance.

You may wish to view your child's behaviour record to review achievements and discuss any negatives. You can do this by accessing your parent ClassCharts account. Your unique personal code is given on the front page of the Bulletin.

We are focusing our expectation on the successful learning of our students and this can only be achieved in close partnership with parents. I am keen to develop our Parent Advisory Group further and if you are able to share a few hours three times per year to help give the parent voice to inform our decisions, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Your child will remember the extreme snow and ice of last winter. If snow falls, we closely monitor weather reports and the Academy site. We focus on keeping the Academy open however bad the weather is. If I need to close the site for safety reasons, we will always advise you first and post regular updates on our website and Facebook page.

We thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Strong'.

Mrs M Strong
Principal