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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds well.

Courts update

We have what looks like some good news about the courts. The geophysicists who have been surveying the site and overseeing the exploratory digs have been able to confirm that the courts are not likely to collapse as was first feared. This means that some patch repairs can be made and the courts put back in action. We will continue our efforts to have a new surface laid across the courts, but we will be able to plan for this work to take place minimising the impact on our young people. I do not have a time scale yet for the patch repairs or the new surface, but I am hopeful that we will have the courts back in action very soon. Bertha's has been moved to the new position in the old car park and we are expecting her to be open next week.

LGBTQ+ history month and mufti day

The head student team are making preparations to mark LGBTQ+ history month in February. They have a number of events planned for students to take part in during the month including; assemblies next week, a bake sale on Friday 9th February and various activities in the library and around school. There will also be a mufti day on Friday 9th February. All money raised will go towards national and local charities that support the LGBTQ+ community. Students can contribute towards mufti day with cash on the 9th February or parents can contribute via parent pay. As usual, the recommended contribution is £1, but parents can choose to contribute more should they wish. The theme for mufti day is for students to wear colours that they feel best represent them. We are hoping for a colourful day. As a reminder, the rules on hair

colour, jewellery and make up are the same for mufti days as they are for any day. Students will be reminded of this.

Our curriculum and code of conduct

A reminder that parents can view our curriculum plans via our [website here](#). Teachers have provided a wealth of information that we hope parents will find informative. As always, if you have a question about what your child is learning, please contact your child's teacher. We have a simple, yet powerful, student code of conduct which is based around respect. It centres on respect for one's self, others, the school environment and for learning and can be found on our website [here](#). We are fortunate to have so many amazing young people at our school who meet the demands of our code of conduct every day and I thank parents for their ongoing support of our values.

Year 13 Mock results

Year 13 will get their mock results on Thursday 8th February. Students will be thinking about what they need to do between mocks and the final examinations and teachers will be providing specific preparation support to help everyone get ready for their A levels. I wish year 13 the very best of luck with their revision and their final examinations and thank parents for their ongoing support and encouragement at home. Working hard in the run up to the summer examinations is so important in terms of making those marginal gains that we all know can help us get over the line.

Half term finishes on Friday 9th February at 3.30pm. It is a regular teaching day, although it will be a mufti day. We return to school on Monday 19th February.

Very best wishes,



Simon Underdown.
Headteacher