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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to all of you and to your families. The start of every New Year holds such promise for new ventures and fresh beginnings, for awaited events and achievement of particular goals.

I know our students have arrived back in school with a calm, purposeful attitude and an eagerness to catch up on all social activities that have been enjoyed over the holiday period. The day back after the Christmas holiday is always a delightful day full of warm chatter.

I wanted to update you all on our Roofing Works Project. Our external roofing works are largely completed. It is planned for the last areas of scaffolding to be removed from site by the end of next week. The recent dreadful weather has given us enormous opportunity to test the quality of the works and the outcome is largely positive although a little snagging work has been highlighted along with other snagging items to be agreed and dealt with.

The next Capital Investment Fund Bid Round for 2018 has closed and our application for further grant funded work was submitted in good time. We will hear in April whether we will be supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency to undertake work on internal Fire Doors and maintenance of other internal and external areas of the building.

I am meeting with national representatives of various sports who have expressed an interest in supporting the school to develop skills and enthusiasm for sports that we currently do not feature on our curriculum. Collaborations with various sports bodies will support us to maintain and improve our current facilities as well as supporting our students to enjoy new opportunities. I hope to have some news to share with you on the development of my talks on this, later this term.

Tomorrow evening we are welcoming back our Y13 2017 Summer leavers to receive their Examination certificates and enjoy catching up with staff and families over catered refreshments. I am delighted that a past student, Jasmine Gothelf, will be giving a brief address ahead of the presentations. Jasmine completed a Masters of Research (MRes) in American Studies. Her thesis explored how Hip Hop music continues the African American Protest tradition in literary form, including visual literature. Jasmine currently works at Freemantle Media in Digital and Branded entertainment. Freemantle Media is one of the largest TV producers in the world, with popular shows including ... Got Talent, X Factor, Take Me Out and The Apprentice.

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Thank you to all those of you who already engage with the school's website. We have received Congratulations from our website host company who report on our Analytics Data. These data show that our website is visited significantly more than other school websites, nationally and internationally, across all pages.

Finally please do keep in touch with us via the Student Planner section for home/school communication at the bottom right of every week's diary pages where you sign to let the Form Tutor know you have monitored the week's work. Research and our many years of experience of educating and supporting the development of girls, shows us that girls do not part with childhood in one swoop. Their confidence in their skills develops at an uneven pace and it is important that we are all aware of any extra support needed at any given time in the academic year.

I look forward to seeing you personally at all the coming events and meetings this year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Violet Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'V' at the beginning.

Violet Walker  
Headteacher