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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this email finds you well and that you had a restful half term break.

We've had a busy first week back with GCSE Drama performances, Geography trips to Spain, sporting fixtures and a Maths Challenge to name just a few of the great things going on. We have a lot on offer outside of the classroom and are now starting to look at how this provision can be broader and how we can encourage more students to get involved.

As we enter a new half term, and as I have mentioned in previous communications, a priority for us is improving punctuality to lessons across the school. We will be working with students by promoting messages about the benefits of positive punctuality and the impacts of missed learning.

At the start of all lessons students complete a do now activity (DNA). These may include (amongst other things):

- Preparatory work for the content of the lesson
- A knowledge check of previously learnt content
- A review activity of previous learning
- A recall-based activity

These are valuable learning tools in order for students to make the most of their time in the lesson and experience high levels of success while at school.

Students will often feel that they are "only five minutes late" but if they were to repeat this throughout the week they could miss out on up to two and a half hours of learning. There are many studies that show the correlation between positive attendance and student achievement and being prompt to lessons is part of this picture.

To support our focus on punctuality, we will be speaking to students about the reintroduction of the school bells at the start of the day and at the end of break times to help move everyone on promptly. I will confirm with yourselves and students the date when this will start.

We appreciate your support in reiterating the messages of positive punctuality with your children.

Finally, Monday is National Offer Day and I'm sure that some of you with younger children will be eagerly awaiting news of your secondary school allocation. I will be in the same boat, with my eldest daughter, and I hope all goes well for you. I'm looking forward to hearing all about who will be joining the St Crispin's family in September!

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Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Griffiths', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Peter Griffiths
Headteacher