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Dear Parents/Carers,

I count myself incredibly fortunate to be Headteacher of a community of staff, parents and students invested in making the school the best it can be. This past week, for example, I have worked with teaching staff to further develop our practice in the classroom; was delighted to meet a number of you at Year 9 Options evening, discussing future pathways for your children, and had the absolute pleasure of seeing over 100 of our wonderful students auditioning for Beauty and the Beast.

At St. Crispin's, we continue to build a good relationship with our parents, and I hope you feel comfortable reaching out when you need to raise a concern. I am always looking at ways to improve our work with our parent community and have been particularly interested to read the Government's latest guidance on how schools can do this. I will be using the new guidance with senior colleagues to make sure our practice is as good as it can be.

We have been talking to students at length over the last year about the core values we hope they develop during their time here. We want them to be **Inquisitive, Aspirational, Respectful** and **Resilient** learners, ready for the world ahead of them. As part of this work, we asked students to complete a survey centred on our four values, and I was incredibly impressed by both their engagement with the survey and the maturity of the answers given. Hearing directly from the students helps shape our strategy moving forward and I'm very proud of how seriously they take this responsibility.

On the subject of student responsibility, we will be asking for their support with ensuring our restaurant remains a calm, enjoyable environment at both break and lunch times by ensuring that they are seated when using this space. Large groups of students standing in the restaurant leads to congestion and difficulties in monitoring the space, as well as problems for students when moving around. We will be informing students of this request from Monday in tutor time; if you could support these conversations, that would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to ask for your support with our car park. I recognise that our location on a main road, alongside the size of our student and staff community, makes drop-off and collection times challenging. Please can I ask that you are mindful of other parents when parking, especially in the middle lanes of the car park as we have had some challenges lately with emergency vehicles accessing the site. Your support, as always, is appreciated.

I wish you a good weekend.

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

Peter Griffiths
Headteacher

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