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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a school environment where every student feels heard, valued, and supported. We recently gathered suggestions from students on ways to improve their daily experience, and here are the actions we are taking or considering:

- **Improved board visibility:** We have moved the location of boards in some classrooms to create improved learning environments. We have also nearly finished replacing all projectors to ensure there are no issues viewing work on the screens.
- **Additional classroom space:** Due to growing student numbers and the need for more space, we have created a new classroom on the middle floor of the Blue Block.
- **Summer comfort:** To keep classrooms comfortable during hot weather, we have made more fans available during the summer months.
- **IT equipment maintenance:** Worn keyboard letters and numbers on IT equipment have been replaced by our IT team, and regular equipment checks will continue.
- **Toilet maintenance:** Toilets that were not flushing properly have been fixed, with ongoing maintenance as and when required.
- **Hand sanitiser stations:** Hand sanitiser stations have been refilled, and this will continue to be maintained.
- **Snack shack food options:** The snack shack now offers an even wider range of food options, including popular items requested by students.
- **Swimming lessons:** Opportunities to offer more swimming lessons are currently being explored.
- **Year 7 hydration:** Year 7 students receive free water bottles to encourage hydration, and this will continue.
- **Toilet door locks:** Weak or broken toilet door locks are being replaced with stronger, more durable ones where appropriate.
- **Reward system:** Introducing silver and gold reward ties (e.g., 500 credits for silver) to recognise positive behaviour is under consideration.
- **Modelled learning:** More visualisers have been ordered to assist with modelling learning.

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- **Classroom furniture:** Chipped or damaged desks have been replaced to provide a better learning environment.
- **Environment:** Produce from the allotments that students help tend will be used to prepare food. There are also plans to develop the third allotment area into an accessible sensory garden.
- **Student Services:** We are creating a student services office for students to utilise before and after school as well as at breaktimes and lunchtimes if they require any additional pastoral support. We are aiming to have this open 09/25.

We are proud to listen to our students and community. While some initiatives may take time or require further planning, please be assured we are committed to making improvements wherever possible.

Together, we are building a positive, supportive school environment where all students can thrive and enjoy their learning journey. Thank you for being an essential part of this.

Kind regards



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