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IT support available at the end of the meeting.

Are Year 12 & 13 parents informed about trips? There was a trip to a university last Saturday but no information was received. EVOLVE has all trip information uploaded and notifications are sent out from this. University visits are not trips led by the school, these are self-directed. They are voluntary to attend.

Thanks for the workshop on anxiety, a good forum. EVOLVEs, message was a little confusing. Wasn't sure if it was aimed at students or parents. Mr McEvoy leads on these sessions and EVOLVE so will forward on the information. Other workshops will be running going forward.

Assemblies have been running all week regarding – Tik Tok. A letter to parents will be sent out shortly, informing them of the national craze around schools involving Tik Tok videos and memes. The Government has asked Tik Tok to step in, but it is a Chinese company so outside of any UK jurisdiction. PC McCrae has been in school this week talking to the students about the reality of what happens when they post things online. The school will place severe sanctions on students who wish to attack staff on social media, this includes both the making of videos and the sharing of them. We will continue to educate students about the consequences of their actions.

Are the use of watches allowed during exams? You can wear a wrist watch, but you cannot wear a smart watch. This is OFQUAL guidance. Large clocks are placed throughout the exam hall for students to tell the time. We can always review seating plans if students are short-sighted. Being short-sighted is not a consideration under OFQUAL guidance to be given special dispensation.

Thanks for all your support. Working with various primary schools at present across the borough. Student alumni visited the school last week speaking with Year 12, including, Senyo Agbohlah, the Senior Missions Director for the United Nations in the Sudan and Franklyn Addo, a writer/journalist for The Guardian and rapper who supports victims of knife crime.

In the New Year we have Father Andrew Pinsent, a Catholic priest and Oxford physicist and Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science visiting the school to speak to the sixth form.

If you know of any good contacts who would be interested in speaking to our students please let me know.



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