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Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after the February half term, I hope you had a restful break. Many of our staff and Year 11 & 13 students were in school over the holidays continuing to prepare for the second round of their mock examinations which finish tomorrow.

Following on from my letter before half term regarding the social media posts that have been circulating, I wanted to reassure parents/carers that none of our students were involved in any incidents relating to these posts. However, we are continuing to work with the Police, Local Authority and other Hackney secondary schools to ensure that we maintain a peaceful and calm community and our staff will continue to monitor the safety, wellbeing and orderly conduct of our students at the beginning and end of school day. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to go straight home after school.

Whilst writing, please may I remind parents/carers the importance of punctuality to school and to lessons. It is an essential life skill that students need to learn to help prepare them for the world of work. Please see below details of the sanctions applied for those students who are late to school/lessons:

1 late to school = 30-minute detention on the same day.

1 late to lesson = 15 minutes detention on the day.

2 lates to school = 2-hour detention on a Thursday.

Finally, please see the link for our new [Term Dates 2026/2027](#) for your information. For clarification, all Year 11 and selected Year 13 students will have one week at October half term in preparation for their mock examinations. All other year groups (Years 7-10 & Year 12) will have a two-week half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hall
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

