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To All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

The term has begun well and everyone seems to be settling down to all the changes that come with a new year – new students, staff, timetables, rooms, tutor groups, even new lunch menus!

I won't be sending out too many letters during the year as I like to keep in touch with you all via our weekly Newsletter which we publish on our Website on a Friday afternoon. Please have a look each week; The Website is full of useful information and is also a great way for us to share with everyone what is happening here in school with your children on a day to day basis. We are also working towards contacting all parents and carers through e-mail. More information will follow over the next few months but if you haven't provided us with or have changed your e-mail address just let us know.

Last year I held Parent Forums every half term and will be doing the same again this year. You are all invited to come along and meet either myself or members of my Leadership Group; we will try to cover as many useful topics as we can during the year. The first one will be on **Monday 5 October 6.00pm to 7.00pm** and we will include discussion on the New Curriculum and Ebacc.

Year 6 parents are frantically visiting schools to help them decide what secondary school to choose for their child. Our Open Evening is next **Wednesday 23 September**; many students are involved in this and if your child is one of these you will be receiving or will have received a letter from the member of staff they will be supporting. This is a long evening so to help staff and students prepare and have some break before the evening starts, school will finish early:

1.10pm for students in Years 7 – 10 and Years 12 & 13.

Year 11 students are at a crucial stage of their education so will stay in school until 3.10pm.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal they will be given food at break.

We have a school uniform; not as traditional as some other schools but we insist that what we ask to be worn, is worn. No long sleeved jumpers under polo shirts and no jeans or skin tight trousers. Information on our uniform can be found on the Website.

We look forward to another successful and exciting year at Tallis.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Roberts
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