

Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Happy New Year. I hope you all thoroughly enjoyed the winter break. Of course, with Year 11 and 13 students hard at work studying for their mock examinations which started on Tuesday, perhaps their celebrations were just a little muted this year.

We have an extremely short half term ahead of us with the last day being just four weeks away as we finish on Friday, 5 February 2016. With the mock IGCSE and IBDP examinations taking place until 15 January and these immediately followed by the Year 10 and 12 mid-year examinations from 18 to 20 January, we are not left with a great deal of time to get other events into the calendar!

Having said that, we do have a sports trip to Cyprus for some of the students in Year 7, 8 and 9 going out on 15 and 16 January. Additionally, the whole of Year 8 are on a Creative Arts trip to the Sabanci Museum today. We will be sending the mock examination results home to our Year 11 and 13 parents on 29 January.

Very early in the second term (Friday, 19 February) we will be holding our biennial Careers Day for Year 10 to 13. This is being organised by Dr Kathleen Hawthorne, our University and Careers Counselor, and Judith Kuiper along with a committee of PTA members. This is a fantastic day for our students and we are always grateful for the time given freely by so many members of our community to make it happen.

As always, I would like to remind you that my door is open if you would like to come in to talk to me about anything that is happening in the school or about any concerns you may have. Just drop me an email and I will be happy to make an appointment for you. Of course, having said that, I must also tell you that I will be away on a Teacher Recruitment trip between 14 and 25 January inclusive so I won't be able to see you during that time.

My best wishes for success go to all of our students taking examinations this month and I look forward to the term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

William

