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Dear parents/carers

Can I thank all of those parents and carers that have spoken so openly with me during the recent parent consultation days. It has further highlighted how positive the parents are about the school.

I have now been in post for half a term and it has been manic! After a lot of analysis and reflection we now have a refreshed vision for Paget. Many changes will be taking place for September. However, in order to make sure that we hit the ground running with all of our new initiatives we need time. I have thus been granted permission by the governing board to close the school for an extraordinary INSET day on FRIDAY 9th MARCH.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. We would expect exam classes on this day to utilise the opportunity to revise. Year 11 now have a full online revision package called SAM Learning which they can access. Our expectation is that four hours of revision will be completed in this day using SAM Learning.

You may have already heard from your daughter or son about some of the future changes so just to clarify:

Are blazers being introduced ? Yes. This will be compulsory for all years except for the current year 10 who will have a choice. The original school jumper maybe worn under the blazer. No hoodies will be allowed.

Are skirts returning? Yes. There will be a choice of trousers, skirts or shalwar kameez. The skirt will be badged, pleated, knee length and it will be a requirement to wear black tights with the skirt.

Will the school name be changed? No. We have considered this but the students have been very passionate about keeping the name which is very good to see. We have listened and we will respect their view as they feel that with all of the other changes the school will feel very new anyway.

Is there a proposal to change the school day? Yes. We are proposing to move to a six session day with each lesson being 50 minutes creating shorter, sharper learning experiences. The day will start as usual but it is proposed that we will end EVERY day at 3.15pm. More information will be available when the formal consultation begins in due course.

After half term I will be outlining the full suite of changes in an e-News extra addition. This will be followed by an evening address on Monday 26th March at 6.00pm where I hope to see parents, carers and members of the community to outline how we believe Paget can provide a first class educational experience for the young people who choose to come here.

Yours sincerely



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