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Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back from all of us at Wyvern College and a happy new school year. I hope that the start of the year has been as positive for you and your son as it has been for us here at Wyvern. Our new Year 7 have made an impressive start and there is a strong commitment to learning across the year groups. I would like to thank you for ensuring that your son is properly turned out for school and in ensuring that he arrives on time in the morning. By maintaining these high standards, we can look forward to an excellent year ahead.

May I start the academic year by commending to you the activities of Friends of Wyvern? This group of highly committed and dedicated parents work tirelessly for the good of the school, both raising money and building the all – important community spirit. You may have learned of the planned Bingo evening. Although this had to be postponed, the rescheduled date is now confirmed as Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the School Dining Hall. (Doors open 6.45 pm). This will no doubt be a popular event, great fun and the list of prizes looks very attractive indeed! We would like to invite all pupils and parents to come along to this event. Do please support the school and have an enjoyable evening in the process. For those parents who would like to be more involved with the Friends of Wyvern, the friendly committee will be delighted to hear from you either on this evening, or at any point via the school.

I would like to raise a point with parents that has been made forcibly to me by Laverstock Parish Council. They are concerned, as indeed we all are, by the volume of traffic and the potential risk involved at the beginning and end of the school day on Church Road. Too many cars and in particular parked vehicles outside the school causes an unnecessary obstacle and potential hazard for children. We would be very grateful if, where possible, pupils who arrive by car are dropped off in the much preferable facilities of the London Road Park & Ride from which they can easily and safely walk to school via the path which is traffic free and street lit. There is now a new path connecting the route directly from the Park and Ride through to Laverstock, which avoids any need to venture out on to London Road. If this drop off point is used more widely, we will bring real benefit to both the schools and the Laverstock Community. Can I please encourage you to use this option?

It might seem premature to mention coats and winter wear at this stage in the year. However, I am conscious that colder weather will soon be upon us and parents will be looking to equip the boys for winter weather. Please ensure that all coats are plain and with a zip or button fastening at the front. As is widely known, hoodies or pullover jumpers (other than school jumpers) are not acceptable wear for school and would be confiscated. I would much rather we avoided this unnecessary confrontation in the first place. Again, as with all matters of uniform, I appreciate your help and support.

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Please be aware that our annual Open Evening for prospective pupils and families will soon be upon us, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 6–8 pm. We will communicate by separate cover to boys hoping to be involved and I would encourage every pupil to take part in the evening. Thank you in advance for your support with this and do, please, encourage friends and family to come along and see for themselves the great offer we have here at Wyvern.

Finally, we pride ourselves on regular contact with parents and welcome the opportunity to discuss all aspects of your son's progress. If you have any comments, good or ill, please feel free to contact your son's tutor, class teacher, head of key stage or indeed me. We appreciate that close partnership and look to be responsive.

Yours sincerely

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