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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Truly great schools develop a culture where staff talking freely about their lessons and I am still hugely impressed at the conversations about teaching that our staff are involved in every day and every week. Staff certainly made the most of the training day on Monday 7th January to discuss the Key Stage 3 knowledge led curriculum and to further develop our provision.

Over the course of this academic year, Mr Foskett has led a curriculum review which has involved a thorough research of the most up to date guidance, an analysis of our current model, looking at what the most successful schools do elsewhere and canvassing opinions (from staff, students and parents). We are committed to evolution at pace in terms of our curriculum design and will not settle for quick fix solutions. As is mentioned in my pre-Christmas newsletter, we will therefore need another training day on the 25th February in order for this process of long-term change to be effective.

I am delighted that work has finally begun on a new block which will house ten new classrooms and give us some extra dining/ social capacity. Whilst the new build is being completed, we will also undertake some refurbishment of art, science, catering and DT classrooms whilst also expanding PE changing facilities. As this work progresses we will, obviously, need to pack up resources from various classrooms and ‘move in’. In order to do so and manage the transition across to the new facilities effectively, we will be required to close the school three days earlier than planned for the summer holidays. I am therefore giving formal notification that we intend to close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 16th July.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Price
Principal