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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to thank you for all of your support over the past academic year. There is no doubt that COVID has had a significant impact on education, but I am optimistic that we will look forward to a typical return to school in September and beyond.

We have made a decision as a school to purchase and use a new piece of software called ClassCharts from September. ClassCharts is a fantastic tool to support many aspects of school life and systems. We will be using ClassCharts to: record attendance, award all of our House points and negative behaviours, to set all homework, and to track detentions.

One of the significant positives of ClassCharts is that both parents/carers and students are able to download an app that means you can log in and see all of the information that is added. This means you will be able to monitor your child's attendance, rewards, sanctions and homework – we are optimistic that this will allow much better communication between home and school, but also between parents/carers and students.

You can download the ClassCharts Parent app using your device. Your child will be given a letter with an individual code to set up your ClassCharts app, so you can then access personalised information about your child.

There is also a ClassCharts Student app that we would like to encourage the use of. Please work with your child to download the Student app on to their devices to support their learning, as well as track the awarding of House points, negative behaviour points and homework. We will be distributing student log in codes directly to them in tutor time before the summer.

As we become more experienced with ClassCharts, we shall endeavour to maximise the use of the software and keep you up to date with developments. For example, there is an announcements function where we will look to send messages out to our families. There is also the opportunity to set up an online ClassCharts store, where students can 'spend' the House points they have earned. Mr Beer and I will be working with the Senior Students and other students on this so we can ensure we incentivise students in the best way.

Thank you in advance for downloading the app and getting logged on. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's tutor.

Yours sincerely

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