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Dear Parents/Carers

### Principal Update

Thank you to parents/carers who attended our first ever Trust-wide engagement event on Monday 29 January. It was lovely to have the chance to meet so many of you. Thank you also for sending back into school your signed Home-School Agreement documents – please keep doing this, until we have them all received.

You will already have received a separate letter from Mrs Shipton-Taylor about the upcoming Aspiration Evening for our Year 11 students and parents/carers. This is taking place on **Thursday 22 February 2018 from 5pm to 6pm**. This event will include a presentation on the upcoming GCSE exams, suggestions on how to revise for them and ways to support your child through this exciting and challenging time. Following the presentation, you will be given the opportunity to talk to staff about revising for the exams. This will include subject specific hints and tips, the opportunity to look at the style of the exams they will be sitting and will give you the chance to ask any questions you may have.

Another date for your diary is our regular Parents'/Carers' Forum meeting on **Monday 26 February 2018 from 6pm to 7pm**. At this meeting we will be sharing our pastoral update led by our Assistant Principal: Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare, Mrs Shipton-Taylor.

### Recruitment of Principal

As promised, I can now update parents/carers with the progress of the recruitment of the substantive Principal. The Trust has engaged the services of a recruitment agency to provide a field of potential candidates – you may have already seen the national advertisement. As soon as we have any further information, I will of course update you. In the meantime, the Trust has asked me to stay on as Interim Principal to the end of the summer term 2018, to provide continuity and consistency in the school, and I have agreed to do so.

### Year 8 & 9 Options Process

Parents/Carers will recall that this year we are beginning the options process with both Years 8 and 9 as we start a three year Key Stage 4, in line with the majority of other secondary schools nationally. We have been awaiting the curriculum review led by the Trust, who will determine the number of curriculum subject hours to be taught across the academies. We plan to begin our discussions with the students in the week beginning 5 March 2018, which should give us sufficient time to launch our online options choice process and to give students sufficient time to consider all potential subject choices, well in advance of a timetable beginning in September 2018. When we have more details and dates of information evenings for parents/carers, I will update you.

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## League Tables – School Performance

It was encouraging to note from the recently published DfE league tables on school performance that Skegness Grammar School performed well in comparison to other Lincolnshire Grammar schools.

While we are not at all complacent about our progress, we are pleased to see that we are performing well above other state-funded schools in England, whose Progress8 average was -0.03, compared to ours at +0.07. We will continue to work hard with our staff and students to ensure that we continue to be above average and to deliver a high quality, challenging education to our learners.

### Overall performance at end of key stage 4 in 2017 - all pupils [?](#)

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at end of key stage 4	Progress 8 score & description	Attainment 8 score	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs	Achieving EBacc at grade 5/0 or above	Entering EBacc	Staying in education or entering employment (2015 leavers)
Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School	Academy	172	Well above average 0.65	68.1	91%	62%	67%	99% (178 of 180 pupils)
Remove			<a href="#">?</a>					
Caistor Grammar School	Academy	96	Well above average 0.61	71.6	98%	86%	92%	100% (95 of 95 pupils)
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Queen Elizabeth's Grammar Alford - A Selective Academy	Academy	87	Well above average 0.55	68.9	89%	76%	91%	98% (90 of 92 pupils)
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The King's School, Grantham	Academy	145	Above average 0.41	68.3	94%	61%	68%	99% (149 of 150 pupils)
Remove			<a href="#">?</a>					
Spalding High School	Maintained School	148	Above average 0.29	63.3	79%	59%	74%	99% (143 of 145 pupils)
Remove			<a href="#">?</a>					
King Edward VI Grammar School	Academy	123	Average 0.23	61.7	74%	55%	83%	100% (131 of 131 pupils)
Remove			<a href="#">?</a>					
Boston High School	Academy	107	Average 0.17	58.7	65%	50%	75%	98% (63 of 64 pupils)
Remove			<a href="#">?</a>					
Kesteven and Sleaford High School Selective Academy	Academy	110	Average 0.12	62.2	78%	55%	94%	100% (119 of 119 pupils)
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Skegness Grammar School	Academy	100	Average 0.07	54.3	74%	50%	65%	97% (90 of 93 pupils)
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### Holiday Dates

Our term dates and holiday dates are shared on our Parent Information section on our website ([www.sgs.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.sgs.lincs.sch.uk)); however, I thought I'd remind parents/carers about some key dates:

Close for half-term	-	<b>Friday 9 February 2018 at 15:05hrs</b>
Open for all students	-	<b>Monday 19 February 2018</b>
Close for Easter break	-	<b>Thursday 29 March 2018 at 13:20hrs</b>
Open for all students	-	<b>Monday 16 April 2018</b>
Close for half-term	-	<b>Friday 25 May 2018 at 15:05hrs</b>
Open for all students	-	<b>Monday 4 June 2018</b>
Close for summer break	-	<b>Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 13:20hrs</b>

### Dates for your diary 2018

<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	-	6:00-7:00pm – Aspirations Evening for Year 11 students & parents/carers
<b>Thursday 26 April</b>	-	4:00-7:00pm – Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening
<b>Monday 14 May</b>	-	Summer GCSE and GCE exams begin
<b>Thursday 17 May 2018</b>	-	4:00-7:00pm – Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening

### Student Attendance

As parents/carers will recall, we have raised expectations about students' attendance at school and eligibility of all students to be considered to take part in school events, trips and visits. Given the recent outbreak of illness nationally, and the effect on our students' attendance, we have shown leniency for eligibility for the Spring Cup. Students who have attendance below the usual standard of 97%, but above 92% and authorised absence provided, will be considered for participation in the Spring Cup.

### Year 11 Revision Sessions

Parents/carers will be aware that we have already begun after-school and lunchtime revision sessions for our students in Year 11. A timetable of what is offered currently on each day of the week is set out below:

	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>PM (starting at 3:10pm)</b>
Monday	GCSE PE coursework in room 25 (Miss Shelbourn)	<i>Staff are not available at this time</i>
Tuesday	History (Mrs Howey)	Science Business Studies (Mr Lavender)
Wednesday	GCSE PE coursework in room 25 (Miss Shelbourn) Geography (Mr Green)	English (Miss Houlston) Music MFL – Higher Science
Thursday	Foundation- French	English (Mrs Hallett) Maths Science
Friday	-	-

Thank you again to all parents/carers who are supporting the students and our school as we move forward with our school's improving journey.

Yours sincerely

**Heather Scott**  
**Principal**

**Copies to:** ParentPortal / PSEngage / SGS Website

