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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all our parents/carers who continue to support us and share positive feedback with our staff team – we are always pleased to hear where we have made a difference to a student's experience.

Thank you also to our students for their excellent attendance at school and positive attitude to learning, including our Post-16 students completing their Pre Public Examinations– let's keep this up for our final two weeks!

Parent Portal

Parents/carers may have noticed we had a technical issue with our Parent Portal earlier this week – thank you to those parents/carers who took the time to get in touch with us to let us know. It has now been rectified and parents/carers should be able to access information as usual.

Parents' Forum

As part of our improvement agenda, we'd really like to set up a Parents' Forum, where parents/carers can find out more about how the school is run, but also have an opportunity to ask questions of our team here at SGS. Our first meeting will be on 19 July 2017, from 16:00pm – 17:00pm. I hope you will be able to join us. So we can organise roomings, please could you indicate your attendance to Miss Clare by Wednesday 12 July 2017.

New Year 7 Intake

Thank you to those students who helped us with the transition events over Monday and Tuesday of this week, as well as the welcome evening event for new Year 7 students with their parents/carers on Tuesday. It's always more important to hear from the students, rather than us – so thank you for giving such great presentations about life at SGS!

DRET Summer Cup

We had a superb set of participants at the DRET Summer Cup on Wednesday 5 July – and a brilliant climate too. Well done to all those who ran, raced, played, swam, threw and cheered. It was a genuine pleasure to be there among you and witness the best ever performance by SGS – we came an overall third, against ten academies, many of whom have much bigger cohorts of students than ourselves.

Changes to GCSE grades (English & Maths)

Parents/carers may be aware already that the GCSE grades will change from this summer's set of GCSE results to be graded 9-1, rather than A*-G. The DfE and Ofqual have prepared key pieces of information to help parents/carers, students and potential employers understand the changes – we have uploaded them on to our school website, for you to access easily and read.

Exam Results Days

For our Post-16 learners, the exam results day is **Thursday 17 August 2017**. Students will be able to collect their results from **7:30am** on the morning of that day. **Year 12 students** can collect results between **9:30am – 11:00am**. Many of our staff team will be on hand during that morning to answer queries or help to signpost our young people to their next educational destination.

For our Year 11 learners, the exam results day is **Thursday 24 August 2017**. Students will be able to collect their results from **8:30am** on the morning of that day. Again, many of our staff team will be on hand during that morning to answer queries or help to signpost our young people to their next educational destination. We will be enrolling learners into their Post-16 courses at Skegness Grammar School once results have been received. Further information regarding examination results will be shared from Mr Sturman before the end of the academic year.

Holiday Dates

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

Close for summer break	Friday 21 July 2017 at 13:20hrs
Open for Year 7, 11 and 12 students	Tuesday 5 September 2017
Open for all students	Wednesday 6 September 2017
Close for half-term	Friday 20 October 2017 at 15:05hrs
Open for all students	Tuesday 31 October 2017
Close for Christmas break	Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 13:20hrs
Open for all students	Wednesday 3 January 2018
Close for half-term	Friday 9 February 2018 at 15:05hrs

We do have high expectations for our student attendance and a reminder that Fixed Penalty Notices could be issued for holidays taken during term time.

Building Works

We have a number of building works programmed for the summer break, so we hope to be able to show parents/carers and students our improved site in September.

Thank you again for your continuing support for the school as we strive to deliver the best possible educational outcomes for your children.

Yours sincerely



Heather Scott
Headteacher