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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to thank you for your continued support for the work that we do at Winterhill. We believe that 2011 will be the third year running that the students will achieve record GCSE results for the school. If this is the case, and all evidence points to this, their life chances will be immeasurably enhanced by their success.

I hope that you enjoyed seeing the exploits of our students in the most recent edition of the Wave magazine. We are deeply proud of all the achievements of our students in a vast range of activities and, in particular, the way they support the school motto 'other people matter'.

The success of the school is built on the partnership between parents, governors, school and students, and is going from strength to strength. Without the support of parents the task of school improvement would be much more difficult and I would like to thank you for your contribution to this relationship.

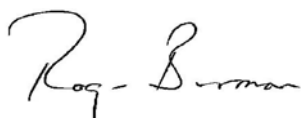
I would ask parents when purchasing replacement for school uniform that they ensure that their purchases meet current school guidelines. In particular, white shirts have to have a top button which must be worn fastened and shoes, which are obviously shoes and not trainers, are worn and are plain black. Other uniform requirements are on the website and in planners and the requirements haven't changed recently. I would further ask that parents resist pressure from their children for jewellery which doesn't meet the school dress code, in particular no facial piercings.

The new term commences for students on Tuesday, 6th September at which time we have been informed by the School Meals Service that the price of a full school meal will be increased by 5p at a cost of £2.00. This will not affect the ability of your child to choose items from the various menus available in school.

The last day of the summer term is Friday, 22nd July and students will be able to access school buses from 1.15 p.m. Other students may leave the site at this time but if you wish your child to remain in school supervised until 2.50 p.m. please let me know, via Reception, by Wednesday, 20th July.

If you are taking a holiday during the school break I hope you have an enjoyable time and I look forward to working with you again in September.

Yours sincerely



R D I Burman
Headteacher