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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: New Academic Year

Welcome back! Today marks the first day of the new academic year, and we are delighted to have our students back in school after the summer break.

I am writing to provide a brief summary of a few important changes that are taking effect this term.

Transitioning to Arbor (from SIMS)

All secondary schools on the Isle of Man have now transitioned to a new Management Information System (MIS) called Arbor. This system has been successfully used by the island's primary schools for many years. This is a significant move for our school, and we have been working hard over the summer to ensure a smooth transition. While the new system will bring some changes to our daily operations and how we communicate with you, we are confident that this change will ultimately offer a more unified and transparent system for both staff and parents.

What to Expect

1. School Communication & Student Conduct

- Our main method for whole school messages and letters will remain email.
- Praise and behaviour points will continue to be logged through **ePraise**. You can still access **ePraise** to view this information and book parents' evening appointments.

2. ParentPay

- We will continue to use ParentPay for dinner money, trips, non-uniform days and other school events.
- Consent and permissions for trips and events will also continue to be collected through ParentPay.

Thank you for your patience and support as we make this transition from SIMS to Arbor. We are confident that once it is fully implemented, Arbor will make managing communication and student information much more convenient for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact snhsenquiries@sch.im.

Yours faithfully

Mr C J Coole
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