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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another term, I want to thank you for all of your support in encouraging your child to come to school, even if they feel a bit tired or off. It's great that you keep in touch with your tutors, or members of the leadership team, to let us know how we can help you and your child. It is important to keep these lines of communication open.

We recently had another successful visit from our School Improvement Partner. We have also had a lot of visitors this term, some to look at the amazing job staff do, and others are prospective parents who are coming for a look round. We are excessively oversubscribed, which is a great shame for many who will not get a place.

Teaching Assistants

We are still short of teaching assistants. This is an important and valued role in the school. We can't run this school without them. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in becoming a teaching assistant, please contact Mrs Russell or look on E-Teach for details. No previous experience is needed as we train on the job. Flexible hours available, and term time only.

Gaming and staying up late – Survey Link - <https://forms.office.com/r/crg9xfLfQJ>

I know as a parent that it is easy to slip into habits, such as allowing your child to watch TV in their rooms, play on PlayStation and iPad, Xboxes and other electrical games. Particularly as they get older, it's sometimes easier than trying to get a conversation out of them! I would like to urge you to reduce the amount of time you allow your child on these activities. Rules such as, time limits, no electronic games after 9pm, no TV after sleep time will have a great impact on their wellbeing in the long term. Try a no electronic games day. I would also encourage a no phones day once a week. The year 11 pupils who went to the residential didn't ask for their phones all week, and were in bed and asleep by 10pm.



We are seeing an increase in spats due to arguments over the Xbox or PS games, tired children, and irritable children due to late nights. Apologies if this sounds as if I'm telling you how to parent. The intention is for an awareness of the effects this has on your child's education. You may already have limits in place, in which case ignore my request. There is a link on the previous page highlighted in red for you to click into to complete the survey. This is to assess just how much time our pupils spend on gaming. Please be honest. It is not to judge, but to give us an understanding of what we could do in school to educate the children about hobbies, interests and wellbeing.

A useful website which informs you about internet sites is:

<https://shaping.org.uk/about-us/>

Have a great half term.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Higham
Headteacher

