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Dear Parent

Happy new year, I trust this letter finds you well.

The spread of Omicron will, no doubt, put pressure on staffing over the coming months. Currently, we have a significant number of staff absent but are able to manage. If this number increases, it is my intention to keep school open and, only if absolutely necessary, move to a rotation of year groups working at home on MS Teams for 1 day per week. I will keep you informed.

Bus Services

You may be aware from media reports that Translink is experiencing staff shortages and this is having an impact on their bus services. There were serious delays for our special buses on Tuesday afternoon. Translink has assured us they will do their best to prioritise school services, although it may mean delays.

I am keen that the boys do not miss out on their learning and that we continue with the important work of preparing for and sitting exams in Term 2.

Target Setting Interviews – Thursday 13th and Friday 14th January (No classes run on these dates)

These meetings with form teachers, pupils and parents are vitally important in setting targets for the February exams. They will be held virtually using a platform called School Cloud. You can book an appointment with your son's form teacher. (However, if 2 teachers register his form class in the morning, please only book with the teacher who takes him for Pastoral Period). I have attached a help guide to show you how to book. Appointments will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Click on this link to book appointments <https://belfastboysmodel.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you do not have an email address, please use your son's c2k email.

Appointments can also be made through the link in the "For Parents- Communication" section of the BBMS website.

If you get an error message it may be that we do not have your (Parent) first name on SIMS. Please let us know and we can easily fix this for you.

External Exams for Years 11, 12, 13, 14 - Monday 10th January – Thursday 20th January

Selected pupils will sit external BTEC exams. A thorough programme of mocks and revision has been planned to ensure boys do their best. Relevant timetables have been attached to this letter.

Some of the exams take place on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th January, during Target Setting Interviews. You may wish to make your son's appointment after his exams.

Internal School Exams

- Wednesday 2nd February – Revision Day for all pupils
- Thursday 3rd – Thursday 10th February – Internal School Exams will take place for all year groups. Exam timetables will be given to pupils at a later date.

Open Night

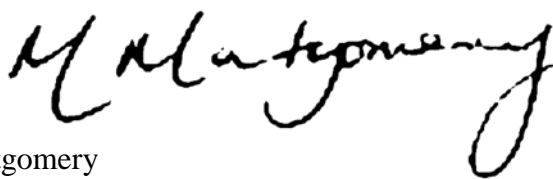
Due to the pandemic, Open Night will be virtual this year, with videos available on Social Media and the school website from 17th January. However, individual families can *BOOK A TOUR* of the school on Wednesday 2nd February between 3pm and 8pm. Click on this link to book appointment - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/belfast-boys-model-school-personal-tours-tickets-223289353467>

Important Dates

Date	Event
Friday 11 th February	Staff Development Day – No pupils to attend
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th February	Half term holiday
Thursday 17 th March	Bank holiday
Friday 18 th March	Staff Development Day – No pupils to attend
Mon 11 th & Tue 12 th April	Easter School – Years 11 – 14 ONLY
Wed 13 th – Fri 22 nd April	Easter holidays
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday
Thur 2 nd & Fri 3 rd June	Bank holidays
Mon 6 th & Tue 7 th June	Staff Development Days – No pupils to attend
Thursday 30 th June	End of Term

Many thanks for your support in these incredibly challenging times.

Yours sincerely



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