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Dear Parent

As we reach the end of the first half term, we want to commend the boys on how well they have done. We certainly have more of a sense of normality, and we are grateful for that. The boys are doing well, but we could not do that without your support. Thank you so much for that.

### Coats/Bodywarmers

Boys have now all been provided with their free coat or bodywarmer. Additional items can now be purchased. In light of the cost-of-living crisis, this year instead of the usual uniform supplies, we are going to sell these items to parents at cost price. They can be purchased via Sims Pay. If you are unsure of how to access Sims Pay, please contact the office.

### Attendance at School

Boys' attendance at school is vitally important. It ensures good academic progress and benefits their mental health and wellbeing. Attendance so far has been great, and the boys should be congratulated on this. We recognise that your support is vital in this, and we thank you so much for your commitment to sending your son into school every day. Be assured, if he is unwell, we will send him home to you.

### Assessments

The first assessments of the year took place last week and you will receive a progress report via parent app after half term.

### Bursary Board Event

As you may know, our senior school pupils are provided with financial support when they progress to university by the Belfast Boys' Model Bursary Board. This is a group of past pupils who fund raise to support the boys. This year alone they gave over £13,000 in Bursaries. They are organising a free event in school on **Friday 28th October**. At 1pm past pupils can take a tour of the school, have a traditional style school dinner and hear from the architect of the new school building, also a past pupil. To book, click on the link below or email Roy Adair at [royadair@fastmail.fm](mailto:royadair@fastmail.fm) and he will send you the booking link.

[Book School Dinners Here](#)

### Key dates

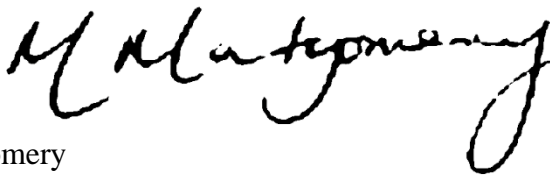
- Thursday 27th & Friday 28th Oct - Staff Development Days (no pupils to attend)
- Monday 31st Oct - Friday 4th Nov - Half Term Holidays
- Monday 7th Nov - new term begins at 8.50am
- Monday 5th Dec - Friday 9th Dec - Assessment Week 2

- Monday 12th Dec - P7 Transition Day (only select pupils to attend)
- Wednesday 14th Dec - Carol Service
- Friday 16th Dec - school finishes at 12pm for pupils
- Monday 19th Dec - Staff Development Day (no pupils to attend)
- Tuesday 20th Dec - Monday 2nd Jan - Christmas Holidays
- Tuesday 3rd Jan - Staff Development Day (no pupils to attend)
- Wednesday 4th Jan - new term begins at 8.50am

**Free Breakfast**

A healthy selection of hot and cold breakfast items are available free of charge to all boys every morning from 8.00am. Please encourage your son to attend, especially as mornings get darker and colder. It is a great way to start the day and it is FREE!!!!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Montgomery'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

M Montgomery