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Dear Parents / Carers,

Work, Believe and Achieve

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term; there is lots going on and we are excited to be back at Carew ready and refreshed for the term ahead. Firstly, some dates for your diary for the term; there are obviously lots more things going on that Class Tutors will tell you about through weekly e-mails, but here are some key events for this half term.

Calendar Dates:

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| • Friday 12 th January | Science Museum Workshops |
| • Monday 22 nd January | Jamie's Farm Visit |
| • Monday 29 th January | Year 11 Mock Exam Week |
| • Monday 12 th February | Half Term Week |
| • Wednesday 7 th March | Edinburgh Work Experience |
| • Wednesday 14 th March | Parents' Evening |
| • Monday 19 th March | Middle School PGL Trip |
| • Week commencing 19 th March | Lisbon and Seoul Work Experience |
| • Thursday 29 th March | Last Day of Term Finish at 1.30 pm |
| • Friday 30 th March | Start of Easter Holiday |

Parents Evening:

Importantly, we expect every parent to attend on **Wednesday 14th March between 4.00 pm and 7.30 pm** to meet with their son/daughter's Class Team. It is really important to have the opportunity to discuss their progress in person with teachers, so please keep this date free. During the evening we will also display the unnamed lost property for you to come and have a look through! Please do remember to name everything that is coming to school so we can ensure it is returned if it does go missing.

Local Governing Body:

The Local Governing Body are a team of volunteers who oversee the Leadership and Management of Carew. They each hold a portfolio area to ensure that we are getting things right. Governors act as a "critical friend" providing both support and challenge to the school.

Our Governors are:

- Jamie Bean: Chair of Governors and portfolio holder for Ethos and Vision.
(Jamie is Head of Wallington Grammar School)
- Kirsty Cottrell: Vice Chair of Governors and portfolio holder for Safeguarding.
(Kirsty is Assistant Head of Orchard Hill College)
- Emmet Murphy: Co-opted Governor and portfolio holder for Human Resources.
(Emmet is Deputy Head of Dysart School)
- Kevin Leggatt: Co-opted Governor and portfolio holder for Financial Management.
(Kevin is a Chartered Accountant with AIG)
- Stephen Brooks: Staff Governor and portfolio holder for Marketing.
(Stephen is Lisbon's Class Tutor and Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator)
- Ruth Duggan: Co-opted Governor and portfolio holder for Teaching and Learning.
(Ruth is Deputy Headteacher of Eagle House School)

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- Joy O'Connor: Parent Governor
(Joy is parent to Jason in Rome Class)
- Sandra Butcher: Parent Governor and portfolio holder for Marketing and Head of the Carew Friends
(Sandra is parent to Billy in Brasilia Class)

Staffing:

We were delighted that no permanent staff left Carew Academy at the end of the Autumn Term. Excellent staff retention is vital in continuing to grow and develop and I would like to thank all of our staff team for their continued dedication and commitment to ensuring every young person at Carew makes the best possible progress. We have some additional staff joining us this term; Raymond Hawaldar joins us as a Teaching Assistant in Belfast Class and Holly Jones also joins us as a Teaching Assistant in Madrid Class. Sue Lucas joins us as a Senior Learning Leader with responsibility for Medical Needs. Sue is a fully qualified paramedic, so she will be a huge asset to Carew in supporting our students with additional needs. Finally, Josie Hunt has joined us on a permanent basis as a Supply Teacher. This means that on the rare occasions the regular class teacher is absent students will still get taught by a permanent member of staff rather than staff from an agency.

Uniform and Equipment:

It is really important that as a school we maintain a high standard of uniform across the school. Please ensure your son/daughter leaves the house each day in full school uniform including a tie for Year 7 to Year 11. Another reminder that students should not be wearing hooded tops at school.

Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school each day with the three **Ps** – **PEN, PENCIL AND PLANNER**. It is really important that you help them get organised for the day ahead and time is wasted in lessons handing out the basic equipment that students should be bringing to school in a pencil case.

Rewards:

Please make sure that we have your up to date e-mail address to keep in contact with you each week, good communication between school and home is really important in ensuring the best outcomes for our students. We send letters home by e-mail and pupil post. You will also now receive e-mails when students have reached their next Merit Award! Well done to the 100 students who have achieved their Bronze Award, if they haven't already then they will be receiving a pin badge to wear with pride to recognise their achievement.

Attendance:

Let's aim for every child having 100% attendance this term – having great attendance is crucial to doing well at school, so please try to send your son/daughter in every day. We regularly talk to students about our **ABC** of Success; **A**ttend every day, **B**ehave appropriately and **C**hallenge yourself.

Parent Survey:

We would ask that all parents complete the attached parent survey and return it to the school by Monday 15th January. Last time the results were incredibly positive, please remember that if you do have any concerns then add your name to your response so we can work together to address them.

Thank You

Thank you for the huge amount of support you all show the school in particular supporting Carew Friends and by working in close partnership with the class team – it really is appreciated! Here is to a hugely successful 2018 and let's all try to stick to those New Year Resolutions (well at least for January!).

Best wishes.



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