Dear Parent and Student,

In our bulletin this week I would like to take the opportunity to share reminders. Next week’s bulletin – our end of term update – will feature a photo gallery of all the great things our young people have been engaged with this term. This will be a real celebration and acknowledgement of achievement.

Reminders
1  Term ends for students on Friday 5th April at the following times.
   Years 13, 12, 11 and 10  12.15 pm
   Years 9, 8 and 7  12.45 pm

2  The last day of term will be a non-uniform day for those students who make a contribution to our charity fundraising initiative to support the disaster hit areas in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. A suggested amount is £1.

3  Mobile Phones are currently permitted in school but should not be used during the school day at any time unless there is permission granted by a member of staff. We will be reviewing this policy next term with students and reflecting on the extent of compliance with our policy. Changes may be made should we find that the privilege of being allowed to have a phone for the journey to and from school is not being respected due to inappropriate use.

4  Uniform standards are a requirement for all. No trainers, hoodies, sweatshirts, facial piercings, false nails, short lycra mini-skirts, are permitted. As always, we thank parents for their support in reinforcing these requirements and ensuring students arrive in school appropriately presented. When the holiday time arrives we know that new uniform is often purchased so thought it would be supportive to reiterate standards and requirements at this time.

5  Easter School
   Our Year 11 students should be aware of who is expected to attend Easter School. This is an excellent opportunity to engage in support and tuition of a high order which will enable exam success. Those invited are expected to be in attendance.

6  Progress Review Meetings Years 11, 12, and 13
   On Thursdays 4th April we are holding targeted Progress Review Meetings. Students and parents will have received invitations to attend and we look forward to meeting with you. This is a vitally important time for our senior students and these Progress Review meetings are really crucial in terms of ensuring that final well-directed push towards achieving examination success in the summer.
Finally, as always, if there is anything that you require further information on or would appreciate discussion on, then do not hesitate to be in contact.

Very best wishes

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**Root Word of the Week**

**DEFINITION:** A long, narrow mark or band.

**EXAMPLE:** “A row of closely spaced dots will look like a continuous line from a distance.”

**DEFINITION:** A length of cord, rope, or wire, serving a particular purpose.

**EXAMPLE:** “To reduce global warming rather than use the tumble dryer hang your washing on the line to dry in the wind”

**MATHS:** A line is a straight one-dimensional figure having no thickness and extending infinitely in both directions.

**Example:** The x-axis is a horizontal line.

**ROOT:** From the Latin ‘linea’ meaning linen thread, plumb line or string.

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**How many points do you need to draw a unique line?**

A line is uniquely determined by two points.

For example there is only one straight line passing through points A and B.
The x-axis and y-axis are **lines** at right angles to each other.

The position of points can be plotted on the co-ordinate grid.

Every **line** plotted on the co-ordinate axes has a unique equation.

The equation is the rule that connects the x and y co-ordinates.
When on strike workers often form a **picket line.**

Why were these women on the **picket line**?

These machinists worked at the Ford plant in Dagenham. In 1968 they were on strike for equal pay for equally skilled work.

What film was made in about their historic fight for equal pay?

‘Made in Dagenham’ — here’s how it portrayed the **picket line.**
This map shows a famous **line of defence** built in the 1930s. Can you name it?

The **Maginot Line**

Why was it built?
To make invasion of France by the Germans difficult.

What is this instrument and what is it used for?

A **plumb-line**.

It is used to check whether something is vertically straight.