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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

We were delighted to welcome students back to school last week. We have had a calm and focussed start to the term and we have reminded students of our high expectations for their learning and behaviour.

It has been a busy term already! Last week we welcomed the Kimichi Symphony Orchestra to perform an open rehearsal for our school community, delivered 'next steps' assemblies to our students in Year 11 and Year 13, and launched an applications workshop with four higher education providers.

Ask for help – student self-referrals

Throughout their time at school, children will have moments where they are concerned or worried. This may be about peer relationships, exam anxiety, or concerns about their mental health. They may even be concerned about others within the school community. It is important that when they need help, children know that they can speak to someone at school.

Students can notify staff discreetly of their concerns by filling out an online form and telling us what is worrying them. The form can be accessed via the Student Portal and I have attached a leaflet containing further information.

They can make a self-referral from any smartphone, tablet, or computer. All they need to know is their e-mail address and password which they use to log into the computers at school. The information they share is sent to trained members of our safeguarding team who respond to the concern.

Please note that whilst we monitor this system during the school day, reports that are made during holidays and when the school is closed will be responded to on the next working day that school is open.

We have told students about this platform in our assemblies and during our form time sessions. Please talk to your child about how to make a self-referral, reminding them of how to share with the school any concerns that they may have.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr H. Derry
Principal
Waverley School – Secondary & Sixth Form