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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Update about School Improvements**

I hope that you enjoyed a lovely Easter break and that your child is looking forward to their final term of this academic year.

I am writing to update you about some recent changes to the school environment:

#### Water Coolers:

As an environmentally conscious school our aim is to reduce the number of plastic bottled drinks sold to our students. We have therefore improved access to water coolers by increasing the number and size of the machines. We encourage students to bring a reusable plastic bottle into school to refill throughout the day. School branded plastic bottles are available to purchase in the café and via Parent Pay.

#### Outdoor seating areas:

To improve facilities in our yard spaces we recently installed a number of outdoor tables and benches. It is pleasing to see our students appreciating these new areas and we hope that there will be lots of opportunities to use these facilities during the warmer weather of the summer term.

#### Toilets:

It is disappointing that a small number of our students choose to vandalise our toilet facilities. To ensure that toilets are not damaged and to allow for repairs, we have installed shutters in two of our toilet areas which have suffered repeated and costly damage. The shutters on these specific toilets will be open whilst they are under appropriate staff supervision.

Please be reassured that students are always able to access toilet facilities, and this will be emphasised in all assemblies throughout the first week of term.

#### Redecorating:

We continue to redecorate all areas of school to ensure that all communal areas and learning environments look welcoming and well-presented. All students are asked to respect the school environment to ensure that it can be enjoyed by all.

We continue to work with our student council to ensure that students are able to share their ideas about improving the look and sustainability of our school environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

*D Ritchie*

Mrs Ritchie  
Head of School

Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum

