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Dear Parents / Carers

College will close for half-term on Friday 12th February 2010 at 3:00pm and re-open at 8:20am on Monday 22nd February 2010.

I would like to thank the staff and students for their fortitude and tolerance in coping with the very difficult conditions on the Gipsy Lane site, caused by the failure of the heating system.

In the long term, we will install a new central heating and hot water system and we await local authority support to meet the very large costs. In the short term, with a combination of electric and Calor gas heaters, aided by a resolute approach from all, we continue to overcome these little local difficulties!

Our efforts to cope have been further hindered by significant electrical failures and by a mains gas leak at Gipsy Lane which have now been successfully repaired. However, there is no escaping the fact that serious maintenance work is essential if we are to continue to provide a safe and secure environment.

I have made the local authority and local councillor aware of my concerns and look forward to receiving the necessary assistance. I will keep you informed of development.

On the sporting front, I am delighted to inform you that we now have two national champions in both badminton and tennis in our ranks. This is a great achievement and I would like to congratulate the two boys.

The under sixteen soccer team are Devon and Exeter champions and the girls under fourteen soccer team are in the second round of the national finals.

Although this is not the season for cricket, we have today received the wonderful news that the English and Welsh Cricket Board have awarded us over thirty thousand pounds to install new indoor cricket nets, new high 'Lux' lighting and a bowling machine which will make us a centre for excellence. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mr Thompson, our Head of Physical Education and Mr Ian Taylor, for their timeless work in meeting all the targets necessary to achieve this prestigious award.

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We are eagerly awaiting the College production of Oliver starting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 9th February 2010 up to and including Friday 12th February 2010. Please come along and support the young actors so ably marshalled by Mrs Wright and her outstanding drama department. They are also accompanied by the excellent music department led by Mr Stock. Tickets are available from the accounts office.

Finally, a reminder that our Saturday morning revision classes from 9:00am – 12:00pm have started for **all year eleven** students and these will continue until Easter. Please ensure your child attends these revision/coursework classes because we know, from our experiences, just what a difference they make to students' final grades. These revision classes will be held at **Easter** and **Whitsun holidays** also. Please see our website for details.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Mr A K Alexander
Principal

P.S. Thank you so much for supporting our uniform policy so effectively.
The students' appearance is a great credit to all our parents.



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