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Dear Parent / Guardian

We hope you had a restful half-term break. Already this week the College has been busy, with GCSE modules for our Scientists, Year 12 Interview Planning workshop and our Year 9 Shared Education Sponsored Walk.

The next few weeks have a number of key dates, and I would like to notify you of changes to some dates on our calendar. Please note, the College will close to pupils at 12pm to facilitate Parent Consultation afternoons. Notifications will be sent prior to each event.

- Tuesday 5 March: Years 11 & 12 BTEC ICT online exam.
- Wednesday 6 March: Year 12 Parent Consultation changed from 7 March.
- Thursday 14 March: Year 10 Options Afternoon.
- Friday 15 March: normal school day, changed from School Development Day.
- Wednesday 18 March: Year 12 GCSE English Language Speaking & Listening moderation, involving a small number of pupils.
- Thursday 21 March: Year 8 Parent Consultation.
- Friday 22 March – Tuesday 26 March: Year 11 and 12 Easter School. Senior pupils only to attend.
- Wednesday 27 March: Baker Day – no pupils to attend.
- Thursday 28 – Friday 6 April: Easter Break.
- Friday 19 April: School Development Day changed from 15 March & Year 11 Parent Consultation.

For our Year 11 & 12 pupils, this is a very important time in the year as GCSE modules, deadlines for Controlled Assessment and Portfolio work are approaching. While all pupils should aim to keep their attendance high, it is particularly vital to our senior pupils at this point to ensure best chances of success.

Year 10 are continuing to have assemblies, talks and workshops in relation to their Options for GCSE. A Google Classroom has been set up with all relevant information for pupils and their families. Further communication in relation to this will be sent next week.

### **Strike Action - Translink**

Media reports indicate a 72 hour Translink strike will take place on 27, 28 & 29 February. No official communication has been received by the College at this time. As with previous transport strikes, families should be aware of the need to make alternative transport provision for their child to enable them to attend the College.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss V Thompson  
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