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Dear Parent / Carer,

Before moving onto news items, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new year seven students to our college. It is of course very early days but I know from conversations with staff that everyone is very impressed with their politeness and work ethic. They are a credit to their parents and I am looking forward to working with them during their time with us.

In addition to the arrival of our new intake, it was a pleasure to last week welcome back our existing students who in most cases were in full school uniform. Many thanks to parents for supporting us with this and particularly ensuring students arrive at school in the correct footwear.

You will recall that last term I informed parents that we were considering the possibility of adding a school coat to our uniform policy. We will write to you soon to update you on this matter. However, in the meantime should you have a view on this issue then I would encourage you to write to Mr Baird (Deputy Headteacher) briefly outlining your thoughts.

During the summer break work has continued at pace on our new school building with much of the groundwork now completed in readiness for the erection of the structural steelwork. In addition, the school tennis courts, which were taken out of action during the last week of term, are soon to be replaced by new courts which will be completed in the next few weeks.

Also during the break our former year 11 students were notified of their performance in their final examinations. On behalf of the governors of Sedgefield Community College I would like to congratulate our class of 2009 on their success whilst thanking staff for their commitment and dedication and of course parents for their support. The college managed to largely maintain the performance of 2008 which led to the award of "most improved specialist college" whilst making improvements in some key areas, most notably the proportion of students achieving five higher grade passes including English and mathematics with an improvement of 4% on the previous year.

Finally we currently have two vacancies on our governing body for parent governors. Anyone who may be interested in taking on this interesting role should refer to the sheet on the reverse of this letter for further information.

Notable dates this term	
Friday 23 rd October	CPD Day – school closed to students
Monday 26 th October until Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Thursday 5 th November	Y11 Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th November	Y9 Parents Consultation Day
Thursday 26 th November	Y7 Parents Consultation Day

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher