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Dear Parent/Guardian

Once again we are approaching Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents and carers the compliments of the season and to thank everyone for their continued support of the college. This has been a particularly exciting time for all those connected with the college. For example, our collaboration with all the Bognor Regis primary schools and BRCC continue to flourish making 'FAB' one of the strongest locality groups in the county. As you will know we hold International School status which is testimony to our efforts at linking with schools from all over the world. This year we have established links with Bethnal Green Technology College in London, an inner city school vastly different to FCC. This connection will give both sets of youngsters a better sense of place and a broader view of life in modern Britain. Please keep up to date with all such developments via our website and 'The View' our college magazine.

I hope you have heard all about our 'Merit Me' programme. In line with our belief that praise is essential to build self-esteem and promote the best learning environment we have made our rewards system more sophisticated. Students now 'earn' merits which are recorded and displayed electronically and as merits accrue students become eligible for further rewards. Please ask your child how they are doing. This has progressed hand-in-hand with our revision of the FCC House system. All tutor groups are now attached to a house. House Leaders have been appointed and they are working to build a feeling of allegiance and community amongst all students. This gives all students:

- membership of a year group with a Year Leader who watches over their academic achievement and progress
- membership of a house with a dedicated House Leader whose role is to expand the whole Felpham experience for every student

Every student at Felpham has a range of responsible and caring adults who have the primary function of looking after their social, emotional and educational well-being.

Next term is a vitally important time for all our students taking external examinations. It's the last full term before the examination season and the time when students need to consolidate their learning. Our aim is to ensure that every student is thoroughly prepared and to this end we run a series of extra-curricular sessions led by the class teachers. This fine-tuning gives every youngster the very best chance of achieving their full potential. A number of the extra classes are running now and I would ask all Year 11 and Year 13 parents in particular to talk to your child and contact the subject teacher for more information. Together we will provide the appropriate stimulus and support and make sure that the all-important dates in August bring the reward for the hard work.

On behalf of everyone connected to Felpham Community College I would like to wish you a happy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



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