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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. The weather has been tricky this week, first it was very cold, and now we have strong winds and rain!

Here are some important dates coming up:

- **Thursday 15th January 3.45-6.30** – Year 11 Targeted Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 22nd January, 5:00–6:00pm** – Year 10 Parents: *Helping your child get ready for GCSEs*

Year 10 parents, information about the evening will be shared at the beginning of next week.

Every year, we choose a new School Senate. This is a group of students who meet with me every week. They help share ideas and make decisions for the school. They also speak for the students and sometimes represent the school at events.

I will talk to students about this on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week in their respective assemblies. If they want to join, they can fill in a short form. This is open to students in Years 5 to 10. If students were in the Senate before, they can apply again.

Your feedback

Reports should have been sent at the end of last term. Our system showed they were sent, but they didn't reach you. I found this out on Thursday this week and we fixed the problem. Secondary reports have now been sent, and primary reports will be with parents by the end of today. I'm very sorry for the delay.

Some parents have asked about staff absences. We can't share personal details, but I can confirm none of the absences are work-related. We are supporting our colleagues and hope to see them back soon.

As a small school, we feel absences more. But I want to say how amazing our staff have been. They have worked hard to cover lessons and change timetables so learning continues. This doesn't happen everywhere! We will soon advertise for a new Art teacher.

You can find information about our Governing Body on the school website: [Thomas Hall School - The Local Governing Body](#)

Feedback form

<https://forms.office.com/e/mhQRPsh3NW>

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Arnold
Headteacher