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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to report that the S1 year group has settled extremely well since starting in August. Feedback from my staff highlight a group of pupils who are demonstrating a “growth mindset” approach to their learning as well as living out our school values daily. I have witnessed this myself through several classroom visits and at less formal times during interval and lunchtime. It is great to see this.

I have also been particularly impressed to see many pupils engaging in our extra-curricular activities programme. The school runs over 25 clubs over the course of a week, and I would encourage all pupils to attend as many as possible.

Uniform is also a strength. However, I would remind you that Converse trainers or branded jumpers/hoodies are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn to school. Pupils are also encouraged to store their outdoor jackets in their lockers in the morning and to swap into their blazers.

The next few weeks up until Christmas will be busy with lots going on. On Tuesday 28th November, you will have an opportunity to meet with your young person’s teachers to discuss their progress. To support discussions, a tracking summary report will be issued onto the Parent Portal with a paper copy also issued to your young person. If you have had any problems accessing this, please contact the office. Pupils are encouraged to attend also and join you as you meet with their teachers. I look forward to seeing you there.

Other events include our Christmas concert which will take place on Thursday 7th December. This is always a very well attended evening and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your extended family. Tickets will be available to buy online shortly.

Our Christmas Ceilidh for pupils S1-S3 will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 7pm. Tickets are currently on sale through the PE department.

There will also be a Christmas newsletter highlighting some of the key events which have taken place over the past session. To keep up to date with what is happening, you can follow our twitter account [@stbenedictsren](https://twitter.com/stbenedictsren).

Our Parent Council are again running a Christmas raffle to raise funds for the school. If you could donate any items, it would be appreciated. Please drop of at the school office. Further details of how to buy tickets will be issued by text.

Yours Sincerely

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