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Dear parents,

It was nice to meet so many of you at the recent parents' evening and to hear your positive views as to how your son / daughter has settled into Sixth Form. The transition from GCSE to A-level seems to have gone smoothly for most of the year group. By now they should have established good study habits, using their study periods effectively, and be immersed within extra-curricular opportunities, helping them to succeed academically and to thrive socially.

As we approach the midway point in the academic year, in order to allow the Upper Sixth time to focus on their final preparations for A-levels, they will soon be passing the baton on to the Lower Sixth in terms of prefect positions. Your son / daughter has been sent details of how to apply to become a prefect and we hope that he / she will aspire to be selected for one of these roles.

With the responsibilities attached to being a prefect come greater rights too. As such, from after half-term, the Lower Sixth will be entitled to the same privilege as the Upper Sixth when it comes to leaving the school site. This means that, from lunchtime, if they do not have timetabled lessons and are not required for any school activity, they may choose to leave the school site. We would hope that they will continue to use their time effectively, to keep on top of their work and to maintain involvement in extra-curricular clubs and societies as well as at the numerous lunchtime careers and university talks.

If they have afternoon lessons they will be allowed in to town for lunch but must be back promptly for their next lesson. When off site during the school day, they need to remember that they are still representing the school and behave appropriately at all times. Any reports of unsatisfactory behaviour or tardiness in arriving at afternoon lessons may lead to the privilege being removed.

Absence from morning school or during lessons in the afternoon will still require students and families to follow existing protocol: for planned absences of a day or less, a note / email should be sent to Mrs Pybus (hpybus@lrgs.org.uk) and to the student's form tutor; if a student needs to leave the site for unplanned reasons, such as feeling unwell, they should first see the school nurse. Pupils should not leave the school site without getting authorisation from a member of staff first or without signing out with Mrs Pybus in Wyresdale House.

Please could you discuss this letter with your son / daughter and ensure that he / she understands the expectations.

I hope you have a very restful and enjoyable half-term.

Best wishes,

Sarah Haigh
Head of Sixth Form