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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with real disappointment that I am writing to you following a series of complaints from members of our community about the conduct of some of our students outside of school hours.

We have received complaints regarding students gathering in large groups in parks and in the streets; about them intimidating members of the public and about various other anti-social behaviours. These issues seem to predominantly, but not exclusively, involve students from the younger year groups.

I am aware that this is not how the majority of our students conduct themselves. However, it is evident that far too many students are not going straight home when they should be. In England, people are still not allowed to congregate in groups and everyone still needs a permitted reason to leave home. This means students must return home immediately after school.

Even if we were not in a national lockdown, the behaviours that some of our students are exhibiting would not be acceptable or tolerated. Please ensure you know where your child is after college, who they are with, and what they are doing. If every parent assumes it is not their child, nothing will change.

Students have all been warned about the consequences of behaving in this way. We will use our full range of sanctions for any student engaged in anti-social behaviour or breaching COVID regulations outside of school hours. The college will report breaches of COVID restrictions to the police.

Please talk to your child and reinforce the importance of this. I am aware that many of our students are following the rules but too many are not, and many of these are acting without the knowledge of their parents or carers. Even once lockdown restrictions are relaxed, this is going to be a slow process and many rules and restrictions will remain in place for months to come. If we are to avoid further lockdowns and potential school closures, it is essential that everyone follows the regulations set out in law.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes



Alex Newton
Principal