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Dear parents and carers

As we reach the midpoint of SKI Week, we want to share an update on how it's going so far, and a few key points for the rest of the assessment period.

Fantastic progress and dedication

We are so proud of our students' response to the challenges of exam routines and the adjustments they have had to make along the way. Students across all year groups have shown resilience and adaptability, embracing the focused atmosphere of SKI Week with maturity. Our Year 10 and 11 students in particular, have demonstrated excellent self-regulation, managing their exams alongside independent study time with commendable responsibility and discipline. These qualities will serve them well in examinations and into the future.

Changes in Arbor Timetables

You may notice a couple of updates on Arbor that may affect your young person. The first is the addition of a timetable session from 8:30-8:40am. This is purely for an administrative function and is **not an additional session** that they need to attend. Students should continue to turn up at the time and place of their first assessment session each day.

Although we are not planning to make further changes, if there are any more adjustments that do affect your young person we will email you specifically about this. Please tell your young person to **check their Arbor every day** to ensure they attend the correct sessions. Arbor is a live projection of our real-time timetable, so sometimes there are temporary omissions whilst we run maintenance or make small changes such as rooms or staffing. We appreciate your patience with some of the adjustments made earlier this week, particularly the additional sessions for Football Academy, Economics, and Geography for our Year 10 students. Your flexibility and support have greatly contributed to the smooth flow of SKI Week, allowing us to make sure these sessions are as beneficial as possible for all involved.

Being equipped for assessments

As we continue through the SKI period, please check that your young person is fully equipped for each of their sessions. Teachers have verbally informed students about specific equipment requirements for their exams, but we kindly ask that you double-check they have everything they need for subjects before leaving home each day, for example pencil, ruler, rubber for DT and Art subjects.

We have been actively seeking feedback from students, staff, and parents which has been invaluable in helping us fine-tune and adapt our approach. Your input is always appreciated as part of our commitment to ensuring SKI Week remains a purposeful and positive experience for our young people.

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement at home.

Best wishes

The Carrington Team

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