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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have now come to the end of an incredibly busy first term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of staff for their incredible hard work and dedication to the school over these past four months. The amount of school events, curriculum activities, ECAs, sporting fixtures and performing arts events that have taken place across both campuses are vast and by looking back through the school's website news section and our Facebook pages you will see just how much we have managed to pack into a single academic term. Last week saw us host the biggest ever fun run, with over 900 people attending this wonderful event on our WP campus – it certainly gets bigger every year!

This week we celebrated Christmas in our three Christmas Assemblies and also had the wonderful Christmas Fayres on both campuses. I would like to thank the PTA committee teams on both campuses for their incredible hard work and efforts that you put into these fayres. Also, my sincere thanks go to those parents and guardians that generously donated money or prizes to the PTA lucky dip stall.

#### New Secondary Principal and Early Years Campus Principal

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Simon Graves as our new Secondary Principal and Mrs. Chloe Metcalf as our new Early Years Campus Principal. They both performed incredibly well throughout the rigorous and exacting two-day interview process in November here in Bangkok and the feedback from all the interview panels were extremely positive. I look forward to welcoming Simon and Chloe to the Senior Leadership Team in August 2019 and to working with them both next academic year.

#### WP Campus Developments Updates

The new outdoor basketball court surface was installed by the contractor in early October and it certainly was worth the wait! This world class sports facility has already up-scaled the quality of our basketball coaching provision for our students in both PE lessons and during the Basketball Academy every Friday after school and the additional Netball court markings have meant that we can now started to implement ECAs and coaching in this very British sport! In addition, the pool area was refurbished and upgraded and the new pace clock has been well utilised by our weekly swimming academy throughout the term.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Art House is on schedule to be finished by the start of February 2019 and these additional learning spaces will be utilised by both Primary and Secondary students and are very much needed as a result of the growth in student numbers over the past two years.

During the Christmas holiday period, we will have contractors widening the boarding access road along the edge of the field to make it two-way along the entire road. The single-lane road has become more of an issue as our boarding numbers have nearly doubled in three years and I am confident that this road widening will improve traffic flow to and from the boarding houses at peak times.

### EY Campus Development Updates

Over the term we have been implementing our programme of ongoing refurbishment on the EY Campus, including painting the external walls of the main buildings and upgrading the flooring on the stairs. In addition, we have installed a full size security gate at the back entrance to the campus to improve our overall campus security. In addition, we have upgraded both the flooring and the lighting in the parent meeting room.

### Speed Limit on WP Campus

We are still having a number of parents and drivers speeding too fast on the WP campus through the carpark and along the boarding access road. These areas are regularly used by adults and students throughout the day and evening and it is important that we all drive at an acceptable speed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone – the campus speed limit is 10KM/hour.

We will also be installing additional speed ramps across the WP campus during the Christmas holiday period to further calm traffic flow and improve the overall safety of the campus.

### Car engine's running on campus

I am very mindful of the fact that we have a very clean air environment out at WP Campus as a result of our tranquil location away from the city. However, this is being put at risk by a number of parents and drivers who park in our car park and leave their car engine running for up to 45 minutes to keep the air conditioning working whilst they wait for their child. This is causing a huge amount of air pollution on our campus and some days you can smell the petrol fumes in the carpark and foyer areas. Can I please ask everyone to turn off their engines when parked on campus to ensure we continue to have a healthy environment for our children.

### Informing the school of any planned absence for your child

There are at times throughout the term when your child needs to be absent from school for a **planned** reason (not an unplanned illness), such as dentist or doctor appointments, immigration and visa matters, family matters etc.

Day students need the planned absence approved by the relevant section Principal, whilst myself as Headmaster has to approve any planned boarding absences (via Ms. Drew, Head of Boarding).

In order to make the process simple and clear, we have created new email addresses shown below. This new system will start from 7 January 2019.

If your child is on Early Years Campus – please send an email informing the school of a *planned absence* to:

[eyabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th](mailto:eyabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th)

If your child is a Day Student in Primary School– please send an email informing the school of a *planned absence* to:

[primaryabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th](mailto:primaryabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th)

If your child is a Day Student in Secondary School– please send an email informing the school of a *planned absence* to:

[secondaryabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th](mailto:secondaryabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th)

If your child is a Boarding Student in either the Primary or Secondary School– please send an email informing the school of a *planned absence* or requesting your child to leave the boarding house to:

[boardingabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th](mailto:boardingabsence@bromsgrove.ac.th)

For any **unplanned** absence on any school day, such as *sickness*, please email:

If your child is on EY Campus, email your child's *class teacher* **and** email or telephone K Bow, EY parent liaison at [ksinipa@bromsgrove.ac.th](mailto:ksinipa@bromsgrove.ac.th)

If your child is on WP Campus, email your child's *class teacher* **and** email or telephone K Jennifer, Academic Services Manager in the SIC office at [pjennifer@bromsgrove.ac.th](mailto:pjennifer@bromsgrove.ac.th)

#### 2019/20 Academic Calendar

Please see the attached 2019/20 Academic Calendar for next academic year. It shows the three term dates and major holidays throughout the year.

Lastly, I wish each and every one of you a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday with your family.

For those of you travelling up country or overseas, I wish you a safe trip and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 8 January 2019 – please be reminded that Monday 7 January 2019 is a staff training day and the school is closed on this day.

Warmest Regards,



Dr Dan Moore  
Headmaster & CEO