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Dear Boys, Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the new term in The Old Rectory and a particularly warm welcome to all our new boys and their parents and guardians. Everyone seems to be settling in very well indeed. We are delighted to have Mr North and Mr Stutchbury as 3rd form tutors this year, alongside Mr Vuolo and Mr O'Hanlon tutoring the 2nd form and Mr Dunn and Mr Brealy tutoring the new 1st form. Your son's tutor will be writing to introduce himself to you shortly, if you have not heard already, and you will have a chance to meet tutors at the 1st - 3rd Form **afternoon tea party this Saturday at 3.30pm**. We will be on the lawn between Godman and the Old Rectory if the weather is good, and in Godman common room if it is wet. There will be no charge for this and please do bring siblings.

We have our first **Friday Night Challenge** for the 1st and 2nd form on **Friday Evening**; this will be run by Mrs Fielding and myself, with help from the 6th form prefects. The 3rd form girls and boys have a **games night**, supervised by Mr Brealy, Miss McNeely and Miss Cole. Please see the school calendar for dates of further Friday Night Challenges and 3rd form activities.

On **Wednesday 14th September** from 7.30pm until 8.30pm (and approximately once a fortnight thereafter) there will be a **Form 3 Barn Night**, which is a social event held in the converted barn by the astro pitch. (All 3rd Form parents should have received an email about it from Mrs Ferreira tonight.) We hope that our soon to be appointed Heads of House will be putting together a committee in the next few days to discuss ideas for 3rd form barn nights. Day boys are, of course, welcome to stay for these events.

On **Friday 16th September** there will be no Friday Night Challenge as the 1st form will be away on the adventure weekend. Instead there will be a **Film Night in Godman for the 2nd and 3rd form**.

We are delighted to be hosting a **Dinner Party for parents and guardians of 3rd form girls and boys** on the evening of **Saturday 8th October at 7pm** and for the parents of 1st and 2nd form girls and boys on **Saturday 5th November, also at 7pm**. Cooking and serving will be done by the girls and boys and entertainment provided between courses. There will be a charge of £12 per person to go towards the cost of the four courses and guests are asked to bring a bottle of wine or soft drink for the table. The hosts and hostesses I am sure will also be grateful for donations of chocolates or soft drinks! Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come, so we can start planning our menu accordingly.

On **Thursday 20th October** we have a **Charity Cake Sale** at Godman House during morning break. Donations of cakes, biscuits, etc. would be very welcome indeed.

On **Monday 31st October** Godman and the Old Rectory boarders will be going **trick or treating** around Rendcomb. You may like to prepare a suitable outfit!

On **Wednesday 9th November** is a **J6 & Big Brother Evening** from 7-8pm where the J6 boys come to The Old Rec and enjoy spending time with the older boys. The J6 boys are welcome to come to house after school and stay for tea but we will need to know numbers, so we can book them in.

The Godman and Old Rectory **Fancy Dress Party** this term is on **Friday 11th November** in the Godman common room. The theme is '**Out of this World**' and you may interpret this as you wish! There will be a disco, games, party food and drinks and of course prizes for the best costumes. The evening starts at 7pm and finishes at 9.15pm, however if you are picking up your son up after the party, please come at 9.30pm to give us time to clear up. There will be a charge of £2.50 for the party on the end of term bill.

Parent / teacher meetings this term are on **Friday 14th October** for the **1st form** and on **Friday 25th November** for the **2nd form**. They start at **5.10pm** and are in the main building.

In the last week of term we have a **Christmas Film Night** on **Friday 2nd December** with festive refreshments. There will be a **Christmas Party** with sketches on **Monday 5th December** (you may like to get practising) and a **theatre trip** on **Tuesday, 6th December**. We will send you details of the theatre trip nearer the time.

Please read your **school calendar** carefully for the dates and times of many other events such as the riding holiday, dance challenge, the RCPA bonfire night celebrations, concerts, etc. Look out for U13 and U14 XV Rugby matches. Please let us know if you have not yet received a copy of the school calendar.

We do hope to see you at the tea party this Saturday and would be grateful if you would return the reply slip.

With very best wishes,

Alex & Amanda Brealby

Please Return to Mrs Brealy.

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I / We are able to come to the afternoon tea party this Saturday . Please give numbers: Adults..... Children.....	
Please reserveadult places for me/us at the 3rd form Dinner Party on October 8th . Please state any dietary requirements:	
I / we are able to bring cakes for the charity cake sale on October 20th .	
Please reserveadult places for me/us at the 1st and 2nd form Dinner Party on November 5th . Please state any dietary requirements:	
My son would like to board after the Big Brother Evening on Wednesday 9th November .	
My son would like to come to the ' Out of this World ' Fancy Dress Party on Friday 11th November .	
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My son would like to flexi board every week on the following nights this term: (please email separately to ask about occasional nights).	
My son would like to board after every 3rd Form Barn Night .	
Son's name: _____ Date: _____ Parent / guardian's name: _____ Signature: _____	