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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We have an exciting year ahead for 2017 and I would like to draw your attention to the following events, which I would appreciate your support in attending:

- Y10 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 18 January.
- Y11 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 01 February.
- City Sings will return to the Sunderland Empire Sunday 5 February 2017 and our Choir will be taking part. This has proven to be a popular event over the past 13 years, and there are over 483 children from the 11 schools taking part this year.

Last term we said a fond farewell to Mr Bateson - ICT Manager, Mr Carr – Inclusion Behaviour Manager, Mr Dixon - ICT Technician and Mrs Rushworth – Catering Assistant.

We warmly welcome new members of staff:

- Mr Gartland, ICT and E-Learning Manager;
- Mr Hicks, Teacher of Maths;
- Mr Newton, Catering Apprentice; and
- Miss Reed, Apprentice Administrator.

We encourage you to apply for free school meals if you are entitled to do so. An application form is available from Children's Services Finance at the Civic Centre; telephone 0191 5611417. You can also collect one from the school reception.

Consultation on changing our uniform will start this month, as will the consultation to provide sixth form education on site. I would encourage you to give us feedback as part of the process.

'Attendance', 'Attitudes to Learning' and 'Progress 8' remain our three areas to focus on over the next year and please visit the website for further information regarding these points.

Y11 learners must remain in school until Friday 30 June 2017. This is the last full term that our Y11 learners will have at Kepier. As such it is the most important term and the key messages for you as parents and carers are:

- know when your child's exams are – exam schedules will be available on the website;
- contact us if you have any concerns;
- ensure that they are revising for at least two hours per night; and
- Department Leaders can provide information on revision nights and revision packs where needed.

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Surveyors and the Department for Education visited us just before Christmas regarding our new build. Feasibility studies will commence shortly and we will have confirmation of plans by March 2017.

For all other events and a comprehensive array of information regarding the school, please do visit our website or download the Kepier app [www.kepier.com](http://www.kepier.com).

I look forward to meeting you soon at future events.

Best wishes,

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