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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Additional staff training day, Friday 3rd April 2020**

Since the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme for year 7 in September 2018, we have been impressed with the standards that our students have achieved. This year we have rolled that out to year 7 and 8. Initially a two-year plan, we have now decided to seek accreditation for the third year of the programme, which incorporates some significant changes to the curriculum, most notably a community project for all students and new assessment criteria. This supports our drive to ensure our students are more community minded both locally and internationally and that our assessment is compared against the best *international* benchmarks. It also allows us to continue to meet the increasing demands from the curriculum as students prepare for GCSE study.

The Middle Years Programme has been designed as a coherent and comprehensive curriculum framework that provides academic challenge and develops the life skills of students. We are already seeing the Middle Years Programme develop our students into inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. We will continue to deliver this through our challenging curriculum and carefully constructed pastoral programme.

In order to achieve fluency in our delivery we have applied to Leigh Academies Trust for an additional INSET day on **Friday 3rd April**, this will be used for training and planning for the third year of the MYP. This has been accepted and as such the school **will not be open to students on this day**, allowing them a slightly earlier start to their Easter break.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support in our drive to continually raise standards for all of our students.

Yours faithfully

**Mr W Monk**  
Principal

