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Dear Parent / Guardian

Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Chesterman and the other staff who worked too hard and so effectively to cover my absence. It is great to be back full time and, hopefully, fully fit.

1) King Edward VI Additional Inset Day

The Academy Trust has decided that all of the King Edward VI schools will be coming together to share best practice on 8th January, which has now been agreed by our School Governors. Therefore, our pupils will not attend school on this day. I would like to apologise for both the relatively late notice of this and for the loss of a day's teaching time. In future years we anticipate that the Academy Trust will schedule these days early enough for us to fit it in within our normal Inset Day allocation.

2) Ski Trip

The Ski Trip booking went live for a total of two minutes before all places were fully booked, with our waiting list also full. I appreciate that many pupils are disappointed that they were unable to secure a place. We are looking at the option of running the trip every year after this first trip to make sure that an even greater number of our children are able to enjoy this experience.

3) Curriculum

On the school's website the curriculum section has been updated. Some new information that can be found from this page includes:

<u>Curriculum subjects</u> - On this page you can find a curriculum book for each year group. These books provide a topic tracker which summarises the topics your daughter will be studying each term. The booklets then go on to provide further detail for each subject that includes the core knowledge they need to learn, how they will be assessed and how you could help your daughter outside of school.

<u>GCSE exam boards</u> - this page lists all the GCSE subjects that students at NSG can study and provides important information such as exam boards and exam codes.

4) Arbor

86% of families have now registered on Arbor. As this software will be the main source for





all school communications in the future, we will be phoning the families who have not registered in the weeks ahead to keep reminding and encouraging people to do so.

5) Social Media

Please give our Facebook page or X (Twitter) page a follow if you use either social media to keep up to date with all of our good news as we continue to improve the breadth of opportunities we offer our pupils.

Kind Regards

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher