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From THE HEAD MASTER

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To parents of pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11

Dear Parents,

Head Master's Forum, Wednesday 28 September 2011, Dyne House Auditorium, 7:00pm

You may feel that we have hardly got going and you are being invited to attend a school function, but I hope that you may be interested in attending the first Head Master's Forum towards the end of this month. I will spend no more than half an hour outlining what I see as the challenges ahead for Highgate School and for pupils in the Middle School, and our plans for the next several years to meet them. I then intend to take questions from the floor on any topic you choose to raise. Where I can answer there and then I will endeavour to do so.

You will have seen that there will be another Head Master's Forum on Monday 12 March 2012 if this date is inconvenient. It will be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to attend (by email to hoffice@highgateschool.org.uk) so that we can arrange refreshments. Of course, if you have a specific query relating to your child, please contact his or her housemaster in the normal way.

I imagine that the Forum will last for about an hour and a half, and there will be a chance to meet informally over refreshments in the Dyne House foyer afterwards. I hope to see many of you there.

On a different topic, this term sees the start of our Entrepreneurship Enterprise Scheme in Year 12, led by Karen Norris, which aims to open pupils' eyes to the excitement, the challenge and the risks of creating wealth. While the taught curriculum equips pupils with the analytical, mathematical and thinking skills essential to entrepreneurs, there is nothing like a whiff of the reality of business to show young people what reserves of creativity, energy, determination and single-mindedness are needed to succeed as an entrepreneur – surely challenges and rewards that match those in any profession? Ms Norris is looking for entrepreneur parent volunteers to come to talk to our pupils. If you think you might be able to help, please do contact her (Karen.norris@highgateschool.org.uk).

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



A S Pettitt
Head Master