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SG/hr/approaching the end of KS3
10th May 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

APPROACHING THE END OF KS3 – THE THREE GATES

It is difficult to believe that our current Year 9s are already approaching the end of their time in KS3, and on their return from May half term will be starting N10 with new form tutors, new form groups and of course, starting their GCSE options.

With just two weeks of this half term left, we have spoken to the vast majority of year 9s this week about ensuring that they make this last fortnight a very positive one, and being proud of all that they say and do in lessons, outside of lessons and at home. They have just one week of lessons and then, we hope, a wonderful experience at Ashburnham.

They have been and are a fabulous year group - fun, enthusiastic, studious and caring. Unfortunately, there have been a number of incidents over the last few weeks including messages over social media such as snapchat which have caused upset to a number of students.

My very first assembly back in Year 7 was about considering the three gates before speaking or writing a comment – **is it true, is it necessary and is it kind**. We do not expect everyone to be the very best of friends - we are all individuals and have shared and different interests. We do expect everyone to be kind and thoughtful in what they say and do.

We know that your child's happiness will be of paramount importance to you too, so are sure that you will be supportive in reinforcing this message. We would also again urge you to check your child's phone and monitor their social media / internet use more broadly on a regular basis.

You may find the parentzone site useful for guidance including the following link on Snapchat specifically.
[Snapchat | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr D Brierley (Head of Year 9) or myself.

Yours sincerely

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