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Dear Parents

It was good to see many of you at the meeting on Wednesday 24 June to introduce representatives from Beaconhouse Educational Services.

The representatives of Beaconhouse were able to reassure parents that they are an internationally renowned education provider and that their investment in Newlands School is a long term commitment. They were also able to confirm that the ethos of the school – underpinned by its caring child centred approach - will remain the bedrock to Newlands success in the future and that there are no planned changes to the curriculum.

It was announced that the Vith Form will continue to operate as will boarding from September. Parents were re-assured at the meeting of the desire of Beaconhouse to continue to develop the work of the Gannon centre and to provide a continued balanced curriculum that has helped make Newlands School unique. Parents at the meeting were also re-assured that the mini bus system will continue to operate.

I am delighted that a number of scholarships will also be available, which will again enhance the profile of the school. There is also the intention to loan lap-tops to all students joining our Vith Form.

At the moment Beaconhouse are assessing the work that needs to be done to offer a pleasing, challenging and safe environment in which students work and play. There will be plans for refurbishment starting in the summer holidays. This will enhance our facilities and will involve a number of exciting initiatives. More news, will follow when details emerge.