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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to address concerns you may have heard regarding a fire drill incident earlier this week involving one of our Y8 classes during their swimming lesson at the Aylesbury Grammar School (AGS) pool. While your child was not involved in this session, I want to ensure all families have full clarity on what occurred and the measures put in place.

We fully acknowledge the distress and disruption this unexpected event caused for the students present at the time. Following the incident, a thorough joint investigation was conducted alongside the leadership team at AGS to look into reports that photos were taken during the evacuation. I can reassure you that these allegations were fully investigated and there is no evidence at all that any photos were taken.

Additionally, we have worked with AGS to update the safety protocols for all future swimming lessons. Under this refined procedure, our students will only be required to evacuate the building in the event of an actual, verified fire risk. For standard planned fire drills, students will remain safely inside the pool building, avoiding any unnecessary disruption.

The safety, dignity, and well-being of all our students remain our highest priorities. If you have any remaining questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

Kind regards,

Harriet Queralt

Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead