



February 2, 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

I am writing to share concerns with you about the upcoming spring break trip being organized by some parents of our seniors. First, I want to make it abundantly clear that this trip is in no way affiliated with Wootton High School. Additionally, I want to express my concern with the potential opportunity for underage drinking that could occur and is mentioned in the information being circulated about the trip.

I have become quite fond of the students and parents of the Class of 2016. I was your administrator as you started as freshmen and it has been a distinct honor and pleasure to see our students mature and grow over the years.

In light of this, I am deeply saddened and frustrated to see that some of the promotional/informational materials associated with this trip do not strongly discourage the consumption of alcoholic beverages by our students. Our community has suffered tremendous losses, and I am disappointed that anyone would imply that drinking by our students who are not yet of legal drinking age is acceptable-- even if it may be allowed in a different country.

It is our collective responsibility to keep our children safe and to set firm boundaries. Allowing underage drinking here or in another country is irresponsible, dangerous and places our students in harm's way.

If students do plan to travel on this trip, it is my hope that the parents accompanying them will ensure that our students are held to the same high standards of conduct we expect of them here. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kimberly M. Boldon'.

Kimberly M. Boldon
Acting Principal