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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, we are now a third of the way through this half-term and once again, it has felt like a very busy week at the college. The Spring Term can often feel like it is moving very quickly and this one is no exception.

As we look back at this week, our Year 10s started their practice exams as they are now mid-way through their GCSE programs of study. I am delighted our students have applied themselves diligently to these and will continue to do so, I am sure, next week. For our Year 10 students and teachers, these exams are a really useful benchmark on the progress that has been made thus far and the next steps required for their learning journey, before reaching their GCSE exams in Year 11.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we held our Year 11 parents evenings and I have had some really useful and positive exchanges with parents about next steps for students in this year group. If you are a parent/carer of a student in Year 11 please look out for further information next week about Post-16 interviews as well as exam and revision resources.

With Year 10 exams ongoing, we moved college assemblies this week to a virtual format with the topic on the impact of living with allergies and asthma - something that affects those in our community. A big thank you to the staff who were prepared to share their own experiences to highlight why this is an important subject to discuss. It is a timely reminder that we do not allow aerosols or sprays into the College because of the adverse impact they can have on sufferers of these conditions.

Finally, as it has been particularly wet and cold recently we are battling with mud in the College buildings. I would really appreciate your support in reminding students that they are not permitted to be on any grassed areas at present. We will be putting up more fencing in the coming week to make this clearer. We have also been reinforcing our expectations about behaviour at these times. Students who are not responding positively to staff or are entering areas that are out of bounds will be issued with consequences moving forward. This is important so we can work together as one community to do as much as we can to preserve the investment made by the Trust in the buildings over the summer.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

Mr Stoneham
Principal