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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to move through this term at a significant pace, and the College has been a hive of activity this week. Our Year 10 students have now completed their practice exams and we look forward to working with them on their next steps as they build positive momentum with their GCSE courses.

On Thursday, we held our Careers Carousel for our Year 9s. This saw a number of different speakers giving short presentations and talks on their varied jobs, highlighting to our students a number of possible future career options after leaving Bassingbourn Village College. The feedback from both students and visitors was very positive and we look forward to our next event in our careers education, in support of the important question of, what next?

In the coming weeks, I will be able to update you with our strategic improvement planning and the steps we are taking to become the best comprehensive school in Cambridgeshire. A key aspect will be developing our culture, grounded in our core values, to ensure that we are moving forward with these plans as quickly as possible. A vital part of this will be to clearly set out our expectations and to be consistent in our approach, working together as one community. To this end, you may have heard of some changes we have started to introduce to support this process; from Monday, all classroom doors have been open during lessons to develop an ethos of working together and achieving the same high levels of behaviour and learning. Furthermore, staff on duty throughout the day are now wearing high-visibility jackets to enable students, staff and visitors to quickly and easily identify who is available to offer any support that may be required. Finally, we have put up temporary fencing across the site to reduce the mud being brought into our buildings and preserve the recent investment made to create a positive and clear learning environment for all.

I will continue to update you throughout this term on further steps we are taking to develop a high quality learning culture for all students who attend the College.

If you are a parent/carer of a student in Year 11 please do look out for curriculum and assessment information that will be coming out to you early next week to support revision and exam preparation.

Finally, please remember that this coming Friday, 31st January, will be a non-student day as we complete our last staff training day of the academic year.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

Mr Stoneham Principal