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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a very busy half-term here at the College. This week we celebrate 25 of our Year 11 students who have received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. These awards are a wonderful representation of our core values and require students to display real resilience to complete all the required elements. Congratulations to them, and I look forward to hearing of their continued successes.

At the start of the week Mrs Warwick and I led year group assemblies to remind our students of our clear expectations of them - both inside and outside of the classroom. This is part of our approach to embed a strong learning culture at the College, where every student can achieve their full potential. As part of this we have introduced a new orange card system for students who are not following staff instructions. We appreciate your support with the after-school detention consequence that will be issued as a result.

After half term I intend to share more with you on our long term strategy and how we will be developing our communication and clarity to students of our expectations, in addition, the support we will provide to ensure everyone is able to meet them.

Lastly, a number of parents have been asking about our term dates for next academic year and I can now confirm the following:

Autumn Term 2025

INSET/Non pupil days – Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September 2025

*Year 7 students start Wednesday 3rd September,

All other students start Thursday 4th September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

INSET/Non pupil day Friday 28th November 2025

Autumn Term ends for students on Friday 19th December 2025 at 1:00pm

Spring Term 2026

Spring Term starts on Monday 5th January 2026

INSET/Non pupil day Friday 30th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Spring Term ends for students on Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Summer Term starts on Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

INSET/Non pupil day Wednesday 01st July 2026

Summer Term ends for students on Friday 17th July 2026

Dis-aggregated INSET/Non pupil day Monday 20th July 2026

We now pause for a week to recharge our batteries. I hope you and your family have a relaxing week for everyone to return ready for an even busier second half of the Spring Term.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break.

Regards,

Mr Stoneham Principal

Key dates:

5th March - Year 9 immunisations 20th March - Year 8 Options Evening 25th March - Curriculum day 26th March - Year 7 and 11 photos 4th April - End of Term