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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now halfway through the half term and moving at pace towards the Easter holidays. This week our Year 9 students completed their practice exams and they all responded positively. This process is a very helpful opportunity to experience the skills and expectations required for their final exams when they reach Year 11. For our current Year 11 students, those studying drama completed their final practical exams on Wednesday and I hear it went very well. Year 11 exams will now pick up pace with more final exams and pieces of work to be completed over the coming weeks.

Of course, School is about far more than exams and it was lovely on Thursday afternoon to walk around after school and see the range of after school clubs happening with over 90 students taking part. This is a really positive aspect of our culture and I encourage all students to take part in at least one additional activity a week.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our focus to shift different aspects of our college culture. It has been great to see more pencil cases and equipment in class, as this has reduced some of the barriers to learning in lessons starting quickly. As I previously shared, we recently introduced orange cards for students who are not following clear and reasonable staff instructions or meeting our expectations outside of lessons. We will be reminding students of these again next week and I would appreciate your support with the after school detention which is issued as a result. This is important as it provides an opportunity to talk through the situation with both the student and member of staff and move forward positively.

Next week we will be holding Anti-Bullying assemblies to remind students of their responsibilities in being kind to one another, as well as sign posting the different reporting mechanisms we have in place across the College.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 8 families on Thursday to start the exciting discussion around GCSE options.

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Regards,

Mr Stoneham
Principal

Key dates:

20th March - Year 8 Options Evening

25th March - Curriculum day

26th March - Year 7 and 11 photos

4th April - End of Term