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Principal Letter (5)

3rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have reached the end of another busy week at the College and there have been several highlights that I would like to share with you.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed parents and carers of Year 7 and Year 11 students to our *Meet the Mentor* evening, which was combined with our *Post-16 Provider Information Event*. It was fantastic to see so many families engaging in conversations about both the start of the secondary journey and the exciting opportunities available beyond GCSEs. The positive feedback we received reflects how valuable these opportunities are in supporting students to make informed choices.

Our next event is for Year 9 parents to attend our information evening on 16th October between 5:30 and 6:30. This will be an opportunity to launch their GCSE program of study and focus on key skills such as effective revision. Next week I will share a link to sign up for this event with more detail on what will be covered.

We were also delighted to welcome the CEO of our Trust, Mr Jon Culpin, to the College this week. We continue to benefit greatly from the support that is provided by the Trust central team in improving our facilities and quality of education for our students. In addition, we held our last Open Morning of the season for prospective parents. Once again, this was very well attended, and visitors commented on how polite, respectful and engaged our students were. We are extremely proud of the way they represent the College at such times and it is great to see this noticed by visitors.

Finally, you may have also noticed that work has begun on the new fencing around the College site. This is an important development to further improve site security and ensure the safety of our students during the school day. Once complete I will share further details with you.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I wish you a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Stoneham
Principal

Key dates this term:

16th October: Year 9 information evening

24th October: Half term ends

27th-31st October: Half term

3rd November: Half term begins

17th November: Parent forum (2)

17th - 27th November: Year 11 practice exams

28th November: Non Pupil Day (Staff training day)

3rd and 4th December: Year 7 Parent's evening

19th December (1pm): Term ends