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Principal Letter 7

9th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at the College, with a particular highlight being our Year 7 trip to Lambourne End. These opportunities are an important part of helping our youngest students settle into secondary school, build relationships with one another and develop their confidence outside the classroom. I hope they returned with some great memories and a stronger sense of belonging to the Bassingbourn community.

Today, we have also been supporting World Mental Health Day through YoungMinds' Hello Yellow campaign. It is a valuable opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of looking after our own mental health and supporting those around us. We want Bassingbourn to be a place where everyone feels safe, valued and able to ask for help when they need it. Small acts of kindness, taking time to listen and noticing when someone might be struggling can make a real difference. Thank you to everyone who has taken part and supported this important message.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students of the importance of looking after our school site and facilities. Our College belongs to all of us, and we should all take pride in the environment in which we learn and work. This means putting litter in the bins provided, looking after our classrooms and communal spaces, and treating our facilities with respect. In particular, we need students to use our toilets responsibly, leaving them clean and tidy for the next person. These are shared spaces that everyone should be able to use comfortably and safely. The standards we maintain around our site reflect the pride we take in our school, and I would ask parents and carers to reinforce this message at home.

As we approach the final weeks of this half-term, we remain focused on ensuring that students make the most of every lesson, demonstrate our values of respect, resilience and responsibility, and contribute positively to the life of the College. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us achieve this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ian Stoneham
Principal

Key Dates

15th October: Year 11 Parents information evening

15th October: Flu Vaccinations

23rd October: Last day of this half term

26th-30th October: Half term

2nd November: INSET/Non pupil day

3rd November: Students return after half-term

4th November: Year 9 Parents information evening

16th November - 1st December: Year 11 practice exams

27th November: INSET/Non pupil day

2nd and 3rd December: Year 7 Parents evening

18th December, 1pm: Term ends

4th January: Spring Term starts

29th January: INSET/Non pupil day

Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

24th March: Spring Term ends for students

25th March: INSET/Non pupil day

Easter Holidays: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

12th April 202: Summer Term start

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

7th July: INSET/Non pupil day

Summer Term ends on: Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1:00pm.