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Principal Letter 8

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Academic years are slightly strange in the sense that we have longer and shorter half-terms. This one is a very long one with 7 weeks complete and one more to go. It has been great to pop into lots of lessons this week and look through the work that students have been completing since the start of term.

On Wednesday, three of our Year 11 students were nominated by the Languages department to attend a Languages taster day at Girton College, University of Cambridge, to which they successfully secured places. Alex O, Ollie H and Ivy L. all enjoyed a fantastic academic programme- including sessions on Classics, Linguistics and Modern Languages. We are very proud of them and they represented our school brilliantly.

Last night we held our Year 11 information evening, an opportunity to talk to parents about key aspects of their curriculum and exams coming up. Thank you for all of those who joined us for this event which produced some excellent conversations about how we can best support our students during this important time. At the same time I was discussing with our governing body the creation of our new school and community council which was shared with you earlier this term. If you may be interested in an informal chat about joining the council to represent the views of parents and support the College on our journey to be a brilliant school do please let me know.

Finally a couple of key reminders:

- Thank you to all of you who have already completed our parent survey. We have a very high response rate but it would fantastic to get up to 200. The link to complete the survey is below: https://edurio.com/s/open/survey/3Jmc2E86nEzMj8DmiA4RSwNiVjl
- YEar 10 will be having a series of sexual health workshops on Wednesday (21st October), please look out for further information about this from Ms Edwards.
- A reminder that term resumes after half-term on Tuesday 3rd November as Monday 2nd is a staff training day.
- On Wednesday 4th November we will have our Year 9 information evening which will be at 6pm in the main hall.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ian Stoneham
Principal

Key Dates

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 at 6pm

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.