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Dear Parents and Carers

Positive Praise

As we come to the end of another productive week, I wanted to share some reflections on our whole-College focus on Praise. This week, staff have been working intentionally on strengthening positive relationships, using constructive and encouraging language, and engaging fully with our systems such as Positive Points and Star Students. Our aim is simple: to ensure every child feels recognised for their hard work, effort and progress. Celebrating success lies at the heart of who we are as a College and it reflects our shared values of respect, aspiration, integrity and compassion. This Academic Year, 97% of students across Years 7-13 have been given a Star Student Award for academic excellence in their lesson, demonstrating the College values. Students have collectively achieved a staggering 2.2 million positive points since September. We are always looking for opportunities for students to be acknowledged and praised for their efforts, dedication to hard work and consistency. We are keenly aware that sometimes in education, the quiet, consistent students can be overlooked for praise and accolade. I would like you to know you have our commitment in ensuring all students' successes are acknowledged and celebrated.

Thanks for the Feedback

As we approach the Easter break and begin our preparations for the Summer Term, our priority remains firmly on delivering high quality lessons. Maintaining high expectations in every classroom ensures that students benefit from disruption-free learning and a calm, productive atmosphere where all children can access their expert teaching fairly and consistently. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we will soon be inviting students, parents, carers and staff to share their views on how we can further strengthen our systems and procedures with this in mind. Our mission is to continue building an increasingly inclusive environment, where every student benefits from the right opportunities at the right time to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Easter Conference Reminder

A reminder to all those students in Year 11 and 13 of the upcoming Easter Revision Conference to support you in your upcoming examination series. Early next week, you will receive finalised information to outline the opportunities in this final push, including revision packs for Year 11, Easter Revision Sessions and further details of the Exit Timetable; keeping you supported and engaged until your final examination is over.

Towards the end of the Summer Term, we will share a summary of feedback alongside developments designed to support students in the new academic year. As part of our inclusive mission, we are committed to ensuring that all students have equitable opportunities. We have already begun reviewing a number of processes across the College, including how we make curricular trips and visits more inclusive.

For oversubscribed activities, we use a fair and transparent allocation process to ensure places are distributed as equitably as possible. We also maintain a reserve list so that any spaces that become available can be offered in a consistent and considered way. In addition, we take steps to ensure that students who may face barriers to participation are supported in accessing key experiences, helping to promote equity and ensure no one is overlooked.

Respect ■ Aspiration ■ Integrity ■ Compassion

Summer Term Updates – Open Day Visits for Parents and Carers

After May half term, we will be inviting parents and carers of students who require additional support to attend one of our Open Day events. These sessions will offer the opportunity to visit lessons, meet key staff and gain an insight into how our inclusion and support spaces help students with particular needs, to learn confidently and successfully. Mr Declan Farrell, our newly appointed Assistant Principal - Director of SEND, and the Team look forward to sharing more information next term.

Finally, on a separate and important note, please read a notice to all parents and carers regarding a recent water management update.

We wanted to make you aware that, following routine water management checks, the College is undertaking important remedial work on parts of the water system. This has meant a small reduction in hands-on science experiments for some classes, but staff have worked hard to ensure that learning continues with minimal disruption. All GCSE and A Level subjects that require practical elements for Science examinations have been carefully adjusted so that students' progress and outcomes are not affected.

We also want to reassure you that this work is being carried out in response to an issue identified through our regular monitoring, and immediate safety measures were put in place. Specialist contractors and our Estates Team continue to oversee all control measures that have been put in place to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

Most of the necessary work will take place over the Easter period to minimise disruption and subject to successful completion and subsequent testing, it is anticipated that normal service will resume within two weeks of the College reopening after Easter.

Importantly, Science Week (beginning Monday, 30 March 2026) will go ahead as planned.

Thank you for your continued support as this work is completed.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal