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Dear Parents/Carers

Week 2 of term has brought some slightly milder weather and with it an even greater spring in the step of staff and students.

Years 10 and 11 took part in a workshop yesterday delivered by UNLOC where they explored entrepreneurship, career pathways, employability, and leadership development. The session was entitled "changemakers" and I hope over the upcoming days and weeks the students are able to reflect on the day and draw on the skills they were focusing on.

I was delighted to welcome Year 8 parents last night to their Parents' Evening to speak to staff and get a snapshot of how their son/daughter is progressing. It was lovely to see so many students in attendance with parents fully engaged in the conversations and taking accountability for next steps. It was also a privilege to speak to a large number of parents – the warmth, support and loyalty towards the school shone through and the feedback provided is valuable.

This morning, I held my first Hot Chocolate with the Head with students from Years 7-10 nominated for excellent Attitude to Learning by their respective Heads of Year. It was lovely to be able to celebrate their consistent approach to school and hear their ideas for improving further their school experience.

Last week I outlined our key areas of focus for the next term. Mr Clarke, AHT Behaviour and Culture, has produced a short video to explain in a little more detail the tweaks that have been made to the behaviour & reward systems. This can be found [here](#).

I wanted to share with you a flier from Oxfordshire CAMHS that any parent of our school can access if they would find it useful – topics for the webinars include supporting teenage anxiety and self-harm. [Mental Health Awareness Sessions for Parents and Carers](#).

Finally, I will be holding a Parent Forum on Wednesday 5th February at 6pm. These events are traditionally held once a term and allow us to discuss key items from our School Development Plan with you and offer an opportunity to garner feedback and ideas from our Parent community. A formal invite will be issued next week with a link to sign up.

Thank you for your ongoing support and wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Interim Headteacher



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