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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it has been! It has certainly been one to remember, and I want to start by saying how incredibly impressed and appreciative I am of our students.

This week, we welcomed Ofsted into school, and I cannot speak highly enough of the students who were involved in student panels, tours, lesson visits and discussions. You carried yourselves with sophistication, maturity and poise, showcasing our school in the very best light. I am immensely grateful and delighted with the way you represented yourselves and the school community. You should all be incredibly proud of the part you played.

Year 9 also experienced their first taste of exam season this week with their PPEs. The feedback I have received has been exceptional. Students entered the hall in silence and maintained that same level of professionalism and composure throughout every exam. You've finally experienced the dreaded exam hall... and it wasn't so bad after all, was it?

Attendance This Week

- **Year 10: 90%**
- **Year 9: 91%**

THIS is what I am talking about! Absolutely smashing it and heading in the right direction. Attendance is improving, and that consistency will pay dividends. Keep it up!

The competition for the end of year reward is heating up!

Current students with **100% attendance** since the launch:

- **Year 10: 74 students**
- **Year 9: 83 students**

Fantastic numbers! Keep pushing if you want to secure your place on the inflatable obstacle course at the end of the year.

Just to clarify, if there is a **known appointment or authorised reason for absence**, this will be taken into consideration. We want this to be fair and rewarding for everyone.



Uniform standards have improved significantly, and I want to thank parents and carers for your support with this. A reminder that blazers, ties and tucked-in shirts remain part of our expectations. As always, maintaining high standards in uniform, punctuality and behaviour helps create the calm and purposeful environment that allows everyone to thrive.

This week, Year 9 had their first assembly with Mrs Haycock, who will be their Head of Year from September. Whilst I am genuinely sad to be losing this wonderful year group, I know they are in incredibly capable hands. Mrs Haycock will do a fantastic job, and I know she is excited to continue supporting them through Key Stage 4. Of course, I am still here, and if any of my current Year 9s ever need me, my door will always be open.

I also had the opportunity to meet with Year 10 this week to talk about all things Year 11. There are so many exciting opportunities and challenges ahead, and I am delighted that I will continue as their Head of Year next year. Amongst revision, mock exams and college applications, perhaps the most important topic of all was discussed... **PROM!** Fundraising will begin in September, and I know students are already looking forward to making their final year at school a memorable one.

Weeks like this remind us just how special our students are. Whether representing the school during Ofsted, tackling PPEs, or simply turning up every day with a positive attitude, both year groups continue to impress me.

There are only a few weeks left, so let's keep the momentum going and finish the year strongly.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. – Winston Churchill

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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