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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another week, I am humbled and moved by the compassion and care shown by our students. Following our request for donations for the people of Ukraine, students poured into the hall and chapel at the beginning of the week with your generous offerings. Indeed, there were 7 cars full to the brim taken to a number of drop-off points, where the recipients were also overwhelmed by the response of our students. Today we are holding a non-uniform day and the proceeds will go to Cafod's Ukraine appeal. Year 7 will be participating in the 'Parable of the Talents' fundraising campaign throughout Lent and this too will go in part to support the relief effort by Cafod in Ukraine. Year 7 will be given the details and support through their RE teachers over the next couple of weeks.

I am delighted to share with you that our sixth form football team are through to the Staffordshire Cup semi-final and will take on Repton College next week following their 4-0 victory over Westwood College this week. In other sports news our Year 7 A and B netball teams travelled to Endon and won every match they were involved with.

On Monday, around 150 students had the privilege of taking part in a gospel choir workshop. The outcomes of the workshop were amazing and I know the students involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience. On Thursday, Year 9 participated in the 'All Change' event which focused on their future destinations and work-related choices. Indeed, all students have participated in Emmaus activities reflecting National Careers week. We wish the staff and students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh navigation and skills day this weekend all the best.

Year 11 have continued to complete their mock speaking tests, Year 11 photographers took part in a photoshoot at Croxden Abbey and we had Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday, which was a hugely important evening to guide and support students as they approach their final examinations. At the beginning of next week, we will be sharing the Year 11 & 13 revision programme for the Easter holiday. It is crucial that Year 11 & 13 are completing all the homework and private study set in addition to attending the relevant revision sessions in school.

In the week ahead, Year 7 will have an English enrichment experience in English and the Year 10 students involved in the KMF Young Engineer of the Year award will be taking part in a research workshop based around the 'Sent into Space' project at Staffordshire University. Sports photographs will be taking place and there will be a Year 9 employability workshop for selected students in Year 9.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear the story of the Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36). It is a timely reminder of the importance of prayer, especially in times of crisis. I am sure we are all praying for peace at this current time.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh



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