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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of what feels like a very long half-term, I thank you all for your ongoing support for all that we are trying to achieve in school. Along with the weekly letter, you will also find our response to the feedback we received from you in the parental questionnaire.

This week we hosted the Year 8 curriculum evening and it was great to see so many of you, almost full attendance, to inform you of the options process. Students should have all received their option forms and booklets following the evening. Year 11 & 13 have all received their statement of entrance for the forthcoming GCSE and A Level examinations. I would kindly ask you to check these carefully and should you have any queries, to raise them as soon as possible with the relevant pastoral lead. Only 9 school weeks until the main written exams commence!

I have been immensely proud of the 120 students and staff who have worked with energy, enthusiasm and skill to prepare for the college production of Beauty and the Beast. I thank all the students who have given their time to work so hard and entertain the audiences over 3 nights. I thank the student directors, back stage and technical support in addition to the musicians and actors/actresses. Special thanks to Miss Hickey and Miss Bennett for their commitment to ensuring such a high quality performance and indeed the staff who supported the students through their attendance and involvement in the running of the evenings. It has been a long time since we have been able to welcome audiences back into college, thank you to all of you who were able to come along and share in the students' success.

Year 8 and 10 were all involved in different elements of their IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) programme this week, Year 8 in their STEM careers event and Year 10 in the Big Assembly. The students who have come forward to be confirmed were invited to join in Fr Eric's silver jubilee celebration Mass at St Giles and the Vocations Mass at St Gregory's, Longton.

Following the half-term break, we will be marking Ash Wednesday and the start of our Lenten journey. We will be marking World Book Day, Year 7 WOW (World of Work) days, Year 11 music and sports photographs, Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening and Year 9 visits to the Natural History Museum.

Please be aware that assessments for Year 7-11 have been put back by a week and will now start on Monday March 21st. Timetables will be distributed in due course.

In the gospel on Sunday we are reminded of God's unlimited love (Luke 6:27-38). Luke reminds us that we must be emotionally involved with those in need. As we enter our half-term break, we keep in mind all those in need of our love, prayers and support. I wish you all a relaxing week ahead and look forward to welcoming the students back with renewed vigour and thirst for learning.

God Bless

Mrs Waugh



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