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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a very short but packed half-term, I would like to thank all the staff and students for their work and commitment to college life. Year 11 and 13 have approached the examination season with maturity and determination. We are all very proud of how you have focused your attentions on the job in hand. It is testimony to your resilience and the inspiration of your teaching staff, who have given everything to ensure you have the best preparation.

This week saw the culmination of two years of intensive study for the Year 13 Digital T Level students. Having finished a very lengthy and in-depth 67-hour controlled exam, they are looking to the future to see where they can best put their skills to use. We also concluded our final meetings with the employers, who have so fantastically supported the T Level students in their 45-day work placements. The praise for their level of motivation, professionalism and high level of skills was wonderful to hear and really embeds how the industry links T Levels provide help them to stand out from other qualifications. We are very excited to see our students moving on to highly skilled jobs, backed by Level 4 apprenticeships, often with highly competitive salaries. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time working with them over the past two years and wish them every success in the future.

Year 7 and 8 have taken part in the first of a series of athletics meets this week, with some fantastic individual performances. Indeed, the U15 boys and girls both won with the U17 boys and girls both coming second. Overall, Painsley won the competition with all the results from both age groups combined. Students participated in the Green Power Event and our confirmation candidates celebrated Mass at St Giles' for the feast of the Ascension. The term culminates in a Jubilee celebration, with all students participating in a lesson to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Activities include a street party in Pentecost, 'My first day as a Queen' crown jewel activity, significant dates in the reign of Elizabeth II, what is the Commonwealth and Jubilee pudding.

Following the half-term break, Year 10 will participate in Dream Job day as part of the careers programme and very timely in advance of their work experience preparation. Year 9 business students will be visiting Cadbury's World, Year 10 geographers will be visiting the River Dane as part of their data collection and Year 7 will be visiting Warwick Castle as part of their history curriculum.

As a reminder, please ensure all students attend school wearing the correct uniform in the correct manner. At this time in the academic year, it is inevitable that some items need replacing. Please do contact your son/daughter's pastoral lead if there are any difficulties and we will do all we can to assist.

- Shoes and not trainers
- Skirts worn at full length
- Hoodies and coats removed indoors
- Haircuts no shorter than a grade 3
- No jewellery (except a wristwatch) or make-up



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Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring the highest standards and expectations among our students.

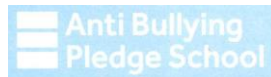
In our parishes, we have been requested to pray for our Sovereign at this time of the Jubilee and therefore we pray:

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen,  
who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm,  
may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace,  
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil  
and, being blessed with your favour  
may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence,  
through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life  
and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

I wish you all a lovely half-term and Jubilee bank holiday weekend and look forward to welcoming all our students back on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

God Bless,

Mrs Waugh



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