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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a shortened but nonetheless busy week, I take the opportunity to share some staggering statistics with you. Since the start of September, the following achievement points have been awarded across the college:

Year 7 - 37,131
Year 8 - 36,098
Year 9 - 28,214
Year 10 - 24,057
Year 11 - 19,580

In total, along with our sixth form students, 149,434 achievement points have been awarded to date this academic year. It is no wonder that a signficiant number of students have reached the various thresholds of our Values and Expectations. As a reminder, the cut off for the end of year rewards trips is May half-term so I encourage all students to collect any outstanding achievement points and aim for the next threshold.

As a reminder, the following thresholds are available to all students:
100 ➢ Emmaus Tutor praise postcard & lunchtime queue jump pass
150➢ Pastoral Lead praise postcard & toast voucher
250 ➢ Assistant Principal (V&E) praise postcard & cake voucher
350 ➢ A letter of commendation from the Assistant Principal (V&E) and invitation to a celebratory hot chocolate at breaktime
450 ➢ A letter of exceptional commendation from the Principal and invitation to a celebratory breakfast. Entry into annual end of year raffle to win a prize
500 ➢ Student invitation to Awards Evening. A letter of commendation from the CEO & Values and Expectations Student Leadership Badge.

Top 25% of students in each year group will qualify for a special reward trip by the end of May.
This week we have given out the sports, music, drama and effort awards from our annual presentation evening. We have had so many congratulations to be shared that our termly effort certificates will be given out in our Friday Emmaus celebrations.

Students are to be congratulated on their efforts in maintaining positive attendance. As a college, we currently have attendance running at 94% against the national average for secondary schools at 91%. I particularly congratulate the students who are on or above the students' personal target of 97%. The link between positive attendance and achievement is well documented.

We will be inviting our Year 10 students to apply for student leader positions in college over the coming weeks and I look forward to hearing the students' thoughts and ideas on the future development of our college.

It has been a busy time for students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Bronze, Silver and Gold practice expeditions have all been taken out over the last few weeks in preparation for their final award. Equally, our Year 10 & 12 students are preparting to take part in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Several of our 6th form students attended the Lourdes Handmaid and Brancardier training day at St. Francis of Assisi's college on Saturday, 29th April. The Day was run by the Lourdes Pilgrimage Hospitality team. There were several workshops the students attended including CPR training, Manual Handling training, wheelchair assisting training and general work duties and responsibilities. The students had a fantastic day, meeting and working with other volunteer students from schools all over the Birmingham Diocese. We are all very much looking forward to the Pilgrimage in a couple of weeks' time.

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As we approach the Coronation weekend, I invite you all to follow the request of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in praying for the King.

Prayers for the King
O God, to whom every human power is subject,
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles
success in the exercise of his high office,

so that, always revering you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from civil peace.
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen

V O Lord, save Charles, our King.
R And hear us on the day we call upon you.
V O Lord, hear my prayer.
R And let my cry come before you.
V the Lord be with you.
R And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray,
that your servant Charles, our King,
who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and,
being blessed with your favour may,
with his consort and 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,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Enjoy this historic weekend and we will see all the students return following the bank holiday on Tuesday, 9th May.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R A Waugh

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