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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you enjoyed the Coronation celebrations last weekend. I was informed during the week that one of our former students created the embroidery on the Queen's shoes. It was lovely to hear a little of Painsley was part of such a historic occasion.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing our Year 11 & 13 students all the very best in the weeks ahead as the public examination series commences. Students and staff have worked so incredibly hard to ensure they are as prepared as possible. For both Year 11 & 13, it is the first series of external examinations they have been exposed to and I have no doubt that the students will be supported by your thoughts and prayers.

As a result of the public examinations, there will be significant room changes and organisational changes as we ensure the students have the very best opportunities to concentrate. I would ask all students to be mindful of the up and coming season. There will be some changes to lunchtime arrangements in that Year 11 will have the opportunity to go in to dinner whenever it suits their work patterns. It is likely that Year 7, 8 9 & 10 lunchtimes will nudge back by 5 minutes. I thank the students in advance for their patience and understanding.

Year 10 will be invited to submit their applications to become student leaders over the next few weeks, as we look to the next generation of student leaders. Indeed, it has been lovely to read all the Year 10 reports this week and to see the strengths students are developing in all areas of college life.

Year 9 have had the opportunity to take part in the 'Bright Futures' morning where they have looked to developing their pathways moving forward.

We are finalising the option choices made by Year 8 and unless students and parents are contacted before May half-term, it can be assumed that option choices have been honoured.

Year 7 have dominated the rewards breakfasts this week for their achievements.

In the week ahead, in addition to the examinations, there is a Year 10 business studies visit to Chester Zoo and the Year 9 scholars graduation ceremony.

In the gospel on Sunday (John 14:15-21), we are reassured that anyone who loves Jesus is loved by God and God will make himself known to them. A timely reminder that if we call on God's help, he will respond.

Good luck Year 11 & 13, we are all thinking of you and wishing you well!

God Bless

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