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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have managed to keep warm in this bitterly cold spell! Congratulations to all the students who have demonstrated resilience and positivity despite the weather.

This week began with the continuation of Year 11 interviews to discuss their most recent mock examinations and future plans and destinations. We were highly impressed with their commitment and dedication to the remainder of Year 11 and beyond. They are a fabulous year group and a credit to you as parents. It was great to see and meet with so many Year 10 parents on Thursday at parents' evening. The face-to-face opportunities to discuss your son/daughter's overall progress is hugely important and beneficial all round. Indeed, all Year 7-10 parents should have received your child's progress reports. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate your child's pastoral lead in the first instance.

On Tuesday, Year 10 took part in the 'You're Hired' day. They were indeed impressive and developed and demonstrated significant entrepreneurial skills. Year 13 took part in a bespoke retreat afternoon to support them at this crucial stage in their life journey and Year 7 gifted and more able students took part in a critical thinking session with Mr Birch.

In the week ahead, Year 11 have their 'Career Ready' day and Year 12 health and social care students will attend a taster day at Staffordshire University.

As a reminder, Thursday, 25th January is our final designated INSET day. No students are required to attend college and indeed staff will be involved in training throughout the day in order to benefit and enhance the learning experiences of students.

I would like to draw your attention to a separate letter regarding the use of the Satchel app. We have been moving over to Satchel not only for homework (which was always in operation) but also attendance, timetables, achievements, behaviours and detentions, etc. There will be separate communication for all of you with the instructions and unique pin numbers for you to access your son/daughter's profile. The satchel app supersedes school gateway, which was previously in use, as the satchel app gives you increased insight into your child's profile in school.

In the gospel on Sunday (Mark 1:14-20), Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John and they responded immediately. How ready are we to respond to God's call?

God Bless

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