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Dear Parent/Carer

What an amazing week we have had this week! It has been a busy week, including sixth form transition days - wonderful to see so many students returning and new students joining us for September and gaining information to prepare for their next stage in their studies. On Monday, I had the privilege of interviewing our Year 10 student leader applicants. They were wonderful and very articulately discussed what they were proud of in their school and what they would like to see developed and how. Indeed, we will be asking all students to complete the annual student survey during the next fortnight. I ask them to do so honestly as it informs the work we are doing every day in school.

I congratulate our senior student leaders, who have been voted by staff and I look forward to working closely with them in 2024/2025:

Head Girl – Grace Deaville

Deputy Head Girls:
Esmee Clarke
Chloe Cros-Reddish
Isla Elliott
Darcy Haydon
Grace Hendley
Sophie Johnson-Allen
Scarlett Nichols
Hirushi Piyasinghe
Poppy Steele

Head Boy – Rory Shenton

Deputy Head Boys:
Dominic Allen
Nicholas Barnes
Arfon Evans
Liam Haydock
Elliot Hall
Jacob Hopkinson
Teddy Holt
Lorcan Potts
Mateusz Tloczynski

Year 9 celebrated their vocations day on Monday. They spent time exploring their own gifts and talents and what it means to be called to use our God-given talents. Year 9 celebrated Mass as part of their day and Fr Eric kindly explored Pugin's

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Gem with the students. I thank our visitors who spent the afternoon with us, sharing how their skills and morals form a part of their vocations.

Over 200 students journeyed to Blackpool Pleasure Beach for their rewards trip. It was a great way to say well done for the marvellous achievements the student put in day in and day out. We have had our final rewards breakfast this week, with students who have met this threshold. As a reminder, all students who have achieved platinum effort awards throughout the year, 100% attendance or 0 behaviour points are entered into our final end of term raffle. The results will be shared with students in their end of the year rewards assemblies.

We hosted our first summer arts festival, with the arts exhibition combining with the summer music and drama concert. It was a real celebration of all the work our students have produced. It just so happened that pastoral/citizenship was calendared for Thursday, 4th July and provided the ideal opportunity to focus on political literacy and allow the students the opportunity to be exposed to the manifestos of the main parties, to explore the moral responsibility to vote wisely and to hold our own Painsley vote. The results will be shared with the students in due course.

On Thursday afternoon, we were blessed with the weather to enable us to all participate in sports day. The morning was shaped by field events, but the afternoon was the track events. Students were able to unite with their house saint to encourage students to do the best for their house.

We look forward to the Year 11 prom this evening at Uttoxeter Racecourse, as we conclude our busy week and celebrate with Year 11.

Next week is equally an incredible week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we welcome Year 6, who are joining us in September as we begin our induction days with them. I am sure you will recognise the incredible opportunities and activities that have been prepared for all students next week as part of their cultural capital opportunities:

Year 7: Chester Zoo, Cipher Challenge, Yorkshire sculpture park, Retreat day and Rocket day
Year 8: Bee active, Grand challenges (IAG) day, YMCA day, STEM day and Retreat day
Year 9: MFL trips to France or Spain, Humanities day, Media day, Cipher challenge, Bletchley park visit and problem-solving day
Year 10: Work experience
Year 12: UCAS, Higher education and work experience

Please see the individual letters that have been circulated regarding the programme for your son/daughter in cultural capital week.

In the gospel on Sunday, Mark 6:1-6, Jesus is despised by those closest to him due to their lack of faith. How important is it for us to have faith in the teachings of Jesus?

God Bless

R.A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh