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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the half-term, we reflect on the wonderful opportunities and achievements of our students. In the last fortnight alone, we have celebrated Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week and National Apprenticeship Week. We have had a group of students and staff on the Outward Bound visit to the Lake District, Year 10 celebrated Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and students in Years 7 and 8 took part in a STEM performance.

The college production of The Wizard of Oz was truly fantastic, with so many students from across all year groups and classes taking part on stage, backstage or front of house. A particular thanks to the Lourdes group, who provided the refreshments as part of their service, preparation and fundraising. The show was fantastic, with students treating all who came to a highly professional musical extravaganza. Well done to all involved!

Prior to 'Celebrations of the Word' this week, we have spoken to all the students regarding the changes to the mobile phone policy in school, wet break and before school procedures. These will come into full effect from Monday, 23rd February, the first day back.

Thank you to all our Year 8 families, who joined the virtual curriculum evening this week and we look forward to seeing you all at the Year 8 parents' evening on 12th March to answer any further questions or queries. We also look forward to welcoming our Year 11 parents on 26th February, the first week back after half-term and Year 12 and 13 parents on 19th March. These are crucial evenings as we journey together on the approach to the examinations season.

Over half-term, we move into the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We will mark the season in school on our return and share with the students the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving throughout the season of preparation.

In the Gospel on Sunday (Matthew 5: 20-22, 27-28, 33-34. 37), Jesus teaches us the true meaning of the Law, which challenges us to ponder: am I a person whose every word can be trusted as true?

Wishing you a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday, 23rd February.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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