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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have managed to see some of the new photographs and imagery on the college website. It was time for a freshen up to capture all that goes on in our wonderful college. This was so evident as we celebrated the Year 11 celebration morning at the end of last week, sharing in reflections and memories, a shared brunch and a truly memorable Mass of thanksgiving. I thank the parents who were able to join us for this special occasion and to those who have supported us throughout the last five years.

This week in college, we have had the last few days of assessments and we have been so impressed with Year 10, who have risen to the challenge of completing mocks in the examination rooms. On Monday, we welcomed many Year 11 from Painsley and beyond to the sixth form transition day; a great opportunity to plan and look to the future. The drama students had a fantastic opportunity to watch The Crucible at the Globe Theatre in London, a truly memorable experience. Our Year 10 historians visited the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Manchester and our Duke of Edinburgh silver students participate in their expedition this weekend. Indeed, today Year 7 will be taking part in the Rocket Day as part of their STEM activities. It is brilliant to see our college alive with activity and so many opportunities for students to flourish and shine.

The highlight of the week has to be our annual whole college Mass on Thursday. Students reflected on the theme of Pilgrims of Hope during the morning and made their own Jubilee crosses and pledges. As part of the celebration, Fr Eric blessed the crosses. Additionally, students participated in Mass, with the introduction spoken in multiple languages, liturgical dance, banner carriers representing our wider college family and in the music, readings and other ministries of the Mass. It was the high point of our college year and I hope you gain a glimpse through our social media posts.

In the Gospel on Sunday, Matthew 16: 13- 19, the feast of SS Peter and Paul, we are reminded that Peter is the rock and foundation of the church. We too are asked in this Jubilee year to be cornerstones of faith and a beacon of hope.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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