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Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome students back to Spring 2. It has been great to see students return to school with enthusiasm and a really positive attitude to the coming half term.

While academic studies continue to be a key priority for Year 8 student, we also continue to place a real emphasis on the broader aspects of school life. This week, students attended a College assembly with their College Leader, where they reviewed reward points and attendance figures, comparing their performance with other colleges to foster a competitive spirit. We launched our second College Attendance Challenge, which takes place next week, where we challenge each student to make their attendance count and achieve 100% during the week.

Additionally, upcoming charity and community events were highlighted, encouraging students to get involved, represent their College, and support important causes by raising money and awareness. This will include participating in the Race for Life event on 21 March, which was postponed due to poor weather last term, to support Cancer Research UK. All our students are encouraged to take part in order to fully raise awareness and funds for cancer research. You can get further information about the charity from JustGiving's Race for Life 2025 page.

This term, in tutor time, students will be looking at different types of crime, how young people may become involved and how to protect themselves from making poor choices. Students will also undertake the next Digital Literacy sessions and will be reflecting through Student Self Reflection Review on their reports in the coming weeks.

Next week sees the annual World Book Day which will be recognised through a number of activities coordinated by the English Department. This will be supplemented further by a tutor time session – students will be avidly looking out for the characters staff appear as.

On Monday 10 March, the Loudmouth Theatre Company will be visiting the school again to work with the year 8 students around a program titled 'Working for Marcus'. This is around child exploitation, county lines and relationships.

The Year 8 Careers World of Work event is set to take place on Wednesday 12 March. Students will meet two employees from two different sectors who will talk about their company, the roles available within that company, as well as their own personal route to their current position.

Kind regards,

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