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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we said goodbye in part to our wonderful Year 13 students, they hopefully have had a day to remember - some of the fancy dress outfits will stay long in our memories I am sure! Next week sees the start of the main exam season. I wish students in Year 10, 11 & 13 all the very best of luck, the exam timetable can be found in the [exams section of our website](#). I know students have been working hard, teachers are confident that most students have addressed gaps in learning, students are ready and that they will do really well as long as they keep revising and maintain their efforts through a slightly more protracted exam season.

Thank you to the parents of Year 12 students for attending parents' evening this week, staff were very positive in their comments. I am a firm believer in the vital role we all play in helping our young people be successful moving forward. Communication is coming direct today for parents of Year 10 students in regards to your parents' evening on the 6 June, I look forward to seeing many of you at that evening. This is a key milestone for Year 10 students, they are more or less our senior students now and very much heading into their most important phase of education in supporting their next step destinations. All parents will receive the next performance data drop when we return on the 6 June through Go4Schools which will give details on the progress, attainment and attitude to learning of your child here at school.

Whilst quite rightly, there is a significant focus on our examinable groups at school, it has been fantastic to continue to see wider curricular activities complementing academic school life. The Year 9 & 10 DofE day, despite the weather, was a brilliant opportunity to learn different skills outside the classroom along with the STEM event for Year 10 Triple Scientists and the GCSE Music trip to Symphony Hall.

This is a quick fire term, I will write again in two weeks to close this penultimate term. I hope you will join me in wishing all our senior students the very best of luck in their exams.

Have a great weekend

Mike Lowdell  
Head Teacher