## 21 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the midpoint of the first spring term, we have been fortunate to experience a spell of bright, dry weather, setting a positive tone for the weeks ahead. This time of year is particularly significant for those in terminal assessment years as we move into the sharp end of their studies.

It has been an excellent, intense, and busy time here at school. All Mock examinations are now complete, and our final Year 11 Parents' Evening took place on Monday this week. Likewise, our Year 9 students are embarking on considering their GCSE and BTEC option choices and ensuring they transition into Key Stage 4 in the best possible position.

Looking ahead to Easter, this period is always a key time for wider opportunities beyond the classroom. I hope that all those fortunate enough to be heading to Iceland, India, France, New York, or on their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions fully embrace and enjoy these enriching experiences. I have also spoken to many Year 7 students who thoroughly enjoyed their time at Whitemoor Lakes. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all parents, carers, and staff who support and facilitate these trips and visits—it is truly appreciated.

This week, we had the privilege of taking the Year 11 and Year 13 school photo. This is always a poignant moment, capturing a milestone in our students' journeys. It is wonderful to see how much they have grown, both as individuals and as a collective part of our school community. Moments like these remind us of the importance of appreciating our time together, especially as we reflect on the fact that, five years ago, almost to the day, schools were first closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While we acknowledge the immense struggles and losses endured during that time, we also celebrate the resilience and determination that have brought us to where we are today. Our school community has grown stronger through adversity, and as we move forward, we do so with optimism, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our students.

As this is sent to you this afternoon, the whole school will be heading out to the field for our Race for Life event. I am really looking forward to seeing all students across year groups come together in aid of such a great cause—fingers crossed the dry weather holds!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. For further information on school events, key dates, and resources, please visit our school website.

**Best wishes** 

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