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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were able to enjoy a restful and refreshing May half-term. As we return for the final summer term of this academic year, I'd like to take the opportunity to share some key updates and recent highlights from across our school community. Please do take a look at the latest news items on our website, the Iceland adventure sounded truly amazing.

The public exam season is nearing its final stages and I'm delighted with the mature and focused attitude shown by our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Their preparation and determination have been impressive and speak directly to our core value of Commitment. We are confident their sustained efforts will be reflected in excellent outcomes this summer and enable all to achieve their next step destinations. Our Year 10 students completed their final Religious Education exam this week with the same positive approach, setting a strong foundation for future success.

Beyond the exam halls, students across other year groups have continued to engage in enriching and inspiring activities that showcase the breadth of opportunity we strive to offer.

Looking ahead, the term is packed with opportunities for personal and academic growth:

- Year 10 and 12 students will participate in work experience weeks, offering insight into the world of work;
- Students will take part in Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, demonstrating resilience and teamwork;
- The UCAS and Future Pathways programme will launch for Year 12;
- Our student leadership selection process begins, shaping the future of student voice;
- Lower school students will engage with science through the Big Bang and STEM event;
- We aim to share the option choices for Year 9's at the start of July;
- Progression exams for Year 10 and 12 will support preparation for next academic year;
- And we look forward to celebrating our wider community through our Summer Music Concert, Celebration Evening, Sports Day and our College reward activities.

Each of these experiences supports our values by promoting Excellence through aspiration, Respect through teamwork and responsibility, and Opportunity through diverse enrichment.

A particular highlight has been the work of our Year 7 Transition Leaders; some have returned to their former primary schools as part of our outreach programme. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and reflects their maturity, kindness and leadership—qualities we aim to develop in all our students.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. Please continue to visit our school website and calendar regularly to stay informed—particularly during this busy and exciting term. The Exams section also includes important information to support students and families over the coming weeks.

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