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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first week back following the Easter break, helped along by the glorious spring weather and, most importantly, by the brilliant way our students have returned to school life. The atmosphere around the site has been one of purpose, positivity and pride.

This week I've had the pleasure of speaking with many students — from those who enjoyed enriching trips, visits and activities over the break to those who spent their time revising with real focus and determination ahead of the upcoming exam season. It's clear that our young people are motivated and eager to make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Year 7's enjoyed the Loudmouth production event on Tuesday, the externally commissioned company were so positive about the engagement and behaviour of our students when tackling the issue of bullying and building positive relationships. Our Year 9 students have been deeply engaged in the process of selecting their GCSE and BTEC options, showing maturity and reflection as they consider their next steps. It was also a real pleasure to welcome parents and carers of Year 12 students to Monday's Parents' Evening — thank you for your ongoing support.

This time of year always brings a renewed sense of excitement as we begin to see the efforts of our young people come to fruition. It is a privilege for us as staff to play even a small part in their development. As some students prepare to move on to the next chapter in their lives, others begin to step forward and shape the next iteration of our community. On that note, I am delighted to share that Jimmy Ward and Amelia Stephens have today been appointed as our new Senior Students for the year ahead. My congratulations to them both — I know they will lead with energy, integrity and the spirit of our CORE values. Both candidates performed exceptionally well answering challenging interview questions in an insightful and thoughtful manner. Their commitment to our school, to its betterment and to their peers was tangible. They will make exceptional leaders and will be amazing role models for all our students. The other candidates who were unsuccessful were also outstanding in their preparation and interview performance and the choice for choosing the best two was difficult. A special mention to Idgey, Louisa and Nirthi, who also made it to the final stages and were excellent.

For those who use our front car park, you will notice it has been refreshed over the break. Please can I remind all parents and carers to avoid traveling through the row closest to the school building unless using the registered disabled bays. When using the car park please drive slowly and be mindful of students and other road users. Please park in designated bays or the overflow car park at the far end to help the flow of all traffic especially at peak times. It's great to see a number of students biking and walking to school, if this applies to your child, please help them do so safely with all relevant safety equipment.

Wishing you all a relaxing Bank Holiday Monday and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday next week.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher