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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I hope this finds you well. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 10 Subject Evening last week and I look forward to welcoming parents and carers of our Year 12 students next Monday. Our first three weeks have, as always, seen many personal student achievements which collectively underpins our wonderful community. A well done to those who have now completed examinations in MFL Speaking, Fine Art, Photography and Textiles. Please take time to see our latest news items for successes outside the classroom <u>here</u>. Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 football teams winning respective cup finals and the students who completed the Gold DofE practice expedition.

News articles are now available to show the achievements of students from the Whitemoor Lakes and Ski trips. Currently a group of Year 10 students are enjoying a trip to Ypres and the Battlefields of WW1 – a truly wonderful opportunity. Of equal importance is highlighting personal out of school achievements - please do keep us informed of all the amazing things your children do outside of school so we can acknowledge them here as well.

Again, a plea please in supporting your young person to be at school, on time, ready to learn. Still, each day, students arrive late which affects their ability to study efficiently during Period 1. All gates are open from 8am, Period 1 starts at 8:45am, staff welcome students into their classroom at 8:40am. The Canteen, Library, play spaces and many of the pastoral support areas are open before school to support students who arrive nice and early. You can see your child's full attendance record in G4Schools, inclusive of late marks for any recorded session in school.

I wish you a great weekend, we all hope that the weather holds! I will write again in two weeks. A quick reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 6 May for the Bank Holiday.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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