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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a fantastic few weeks at Pakefield High School, and I wanted to take a moment to share some of our recent successes with you.

Firstly, I want to thank you for your outstanding engagement with our parents' evenings. We were thrilled to see over 75% of parents and carers attend, particularly for our Year 11 mock results evening. Your support is invaluable in helping our students stay motivated and on track as they approach their final exams. The conversations between parents, students, and staff have been incredibly productive, and we truly appreciate your commitment to your child's education.

For Year 11 parents and carers, I have a date change to inform you of: our next **Year 11 parents' evening** is now on **Wednesday 19th March** to avoid a clash with a college event.

Another highlight this week has been our students' involvement in the community. Mrs Trigg is absolutely delighted to share that Pakefield High completed its very first **Science Ambassadors** project on Tuesday. Our Year 7 and Year 9 students visited Kessingland Primary School to teach Year 6 pupils about microscopy. After weeks of preparation and practice, they delivered engaging and informative sessions with confidence and enthusiasm. Mrs Trigg was incredibly proud to see our students not only share their knowledge but also inspire the younger generation to develop a passion for science.

Our students have also been excelling academically beyond the classroom. Those involved in **The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme** received their grades for their university-style essays this week. Congratulations to Poppy, Lexi, Sinellda, Samuel, Noah, Ollie and Sasha who all secured a 2:1 or 2:2 for their work. To put this into perspective, a **2:1** is equivalent to **'good' A-level work**, while a **2:2** is comparable to **excellent GCSE work**.

Mrs Bedford is incredibly proud of all the students, who will be attending their **graduation ceremony at the University of Cambridge on 10th February**. This is a huge achievement, and we look forward to celebrating their hard work and dedication.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are incredibly proud of our students and their continued commitment to learning and personal growth.

With best wishes for the weekend.

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