

14th February 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements of our students over the past few weeks.

A particular highlight was our students' participation in the Brilliant Club visit to the University of Cambridge. This was an inspiring opportunity for them to engage with higher education and celebrate their hard work throughout the programme. A special mention must go to Ollie, who delivered a speech to the entire cohort of graduates about his experience and learning from the programme—a remarkable achievement! My sincere thanks to Mrs Bedford for her dedication in organising this enriching experience for our students.

Additionally, our Debate Club, led by Miss Barrow, had a very successful trip (also to the University of Cambridge) for a regional debating competition. Our students showcased their talent and dedication, winning two debates on the day. Their impressive performance secured a place in the finals, where they had the unique experience of debating in one of the university's prestigious lecture halls. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and success in this challenging competition. Thank you to Miss Barrow for her support and guidance in preparing our students for this event.

I would also like to thank all the parents who attended the recent Year 9 Parents' Evening. Your support and engagement are invaluable in helping students make informed decisions about their future. A reminder that the deadline for submitting option choices is today (Friday 14th February), so please ensure these are completed and submitted on time.

Finally, I wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable break. School will resume on Monday 24th February, and we look forward to another successful half term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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