

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to start by sharing the excellent feedback we have received from a range of people about the conduct of our students in lessons. There has been an overwhelming feeling that students are mature and thoughtful in their lessons and I wanted to say what a credit they are to you.

As I shared last week, there has been a focus on improving the levels of concentration during reading periods and this is already beginning to have a big impact. All students are making great progress with their books and it is good to see their enjoyment of the stories they read every day.

The College has also been full of the sounds of Shakespeare with drama students giving constructive feedback to each other about their performances.

I have been delighted with assessment week with exams running really smoothly and students appearing well prepared for their tests.

We have been informed that the paths from the bus stop will be closed for four weeks. Students will need to take extra care when walking to school from the drop off point.

We will continue with our focus on observing silence when teachers are talking, students are working, and to start and finish lessons by standing behind chairs. We will add an additional area this week which is to ensure teaching remains sharp up to and including the last minute of the lesson to ensure that every second counts.

We have one more week until we all have a hard deserved break and I would like students and staff to take some time out so that they are refreshed and ready for another excellent half term after the Easter break.

Once more can I say thank you for supporting me again this week. I've really enjoyed working with the young people and staff.

Yours Sincerely

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