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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first week after the May half term break. I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

I want to begin by expressing how proud I am of our **Year 10** students who took their Statistics GCSE this week. They approached the exams with maturity and determination, and we wish them the very best with their results.

This week, all students took part in assemblies focused on British Values. We discussed the importance of tolerance, mutual respect, and reflected on our school value of kindness—qualities that are fundamental to our school community.

Despite the challenging weather, our **Year 10** Geography students successfully completed their field trip this week. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement with real-world learning outside the classroom.

Our **Year 11** students have continued to demonstrate exceptional behaviour throughout their exams this week. Their dedication and resilience have been truly commendable. Today marks their final day in school before they attend only for exam sessions. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with a special leaver's assembly and prom once all exams are complete.

Further to the classcharts notification, I just want to further explain the reason for the slight increase to the price of school meals. We know that many people are struggling financially at the moment, and we would never want to add to this burden, but we have seen a dramatic increase in our food costs and for us to maintain the quality and variety of meals provided to our students, we have had to adjust our pricing accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

Some upcoming dates for your diaries –

Year 11 Prom – Wednesday the 25th of June

Time to Talk Day – Thursday the 26th of June

Inset / Independent Learning Day – Friday the 27th of June

Catch up Vaccinations (all years) – Tuesday the 1st of July

Year 8 Paris Trip – Tuesday the 1st of July to Friday the 4th of July

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills