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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, all students have attended assemblies focusing on the importance of our *form icons*, which play a key role in shaping our school community and supporting our shared values. It's been encouraging to see students engaging thoughtfully with these themes.

I would also like to commend our **Year 11** students, who continue to approach their exams with maturity and focus. Their behaviour during this period has been exemplary, and we are very proud of them.

I would like to say how proud I am and the **Year 8** team is of all the students. They have taken the KASTS in their stride and have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner throughout. Just a polite reminder to please check that all students have the necessary equipment and any overlays they may need before the exams begin. This small step really helps ensure the exam starts smoothly and allows students to settle quickly which can make a significant difference to their performance.

I do want to raise a small concern. Our attendance figures have dipped slightly over the past two weeks. As we move into a particularly busy time of year, I kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring students attend school every day unless absolutely unavoidable. Excellent attendance is crucial to maintaining progress and keeping students involved in the full life of the school.

Please do take a moment to review the list of upcoming events below – we have a packed schedule of activities, trips, and celebrations as we head towards the end of term.

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, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills