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It has been another busy and positive week in school, and I would like to share some updates with you.

We had a wonderful evening yesterday with our Year 10 and Year 11 families at the Welcome Evening. Thank you to everyone who attended—it was great to see so many of you engaging with us as we look ahead to this important year.

Looking forward, we are excited for our Open Evening on Wednesday 1 October. A huge thank you in advance to all of the students who have volunteered to support us on the night; we know they will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Thank you also to the parents who joined us for the Compass parent session on Tuesday evening. We hope you found it helpful and informative.

The annual recruitment drive to elect our 2025 student leaders is now well underway and we have already received 96 applications. All of which are of a very high calibre. We have decided to extend the application deadline to 8.30am on Monday 22nd September. If your child would like to apply then they can follow the link which has been sent to them on Class Charts and can also be found here; <https://forms.office.com/e/RUzDef7kRj>. We wish all applicants the best of luck with their applications and wish to remind them that this is just one way in which they can display our school value of aspiration and start preparing for their future today. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Our first Parent Event of the year will take place on Tuesday 7 October and will focus on social media, phones, and being present with your family. We are privileged to welcome The Brianna Ghey Legacy team, who will be introducing their new Look Up and Live project. There will be two sessions available—at 9am and 5pm—both held in the Community Building (the old college), which can be accessed directly from the car park. A booking link will be shared shortly so we can confirm numbers.

A reminder that Year 11 mock exams begin on Monday 6 October. Please encourage your child to continue preparing thoroughly; we know how important these assessments are in building confidence and identifying next steps.

Next week also brings some fun and creativity:

On Wednesday lunchtime, students can take part in our Ball Bounce House competition in the gym.

All year groups will also have an assembly on teaching and learning, focusing on how to make the most of lessons.

In October, our annual Inktober House competition will launch, giving students the chance to showcase their artistic talents.



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Finally, a quick update on rewards:

The top 100 students this half term will be entered into a draw to win one of two giant jars of sweets.

The top form in each year group will be treated to a free breakfast.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It makes such a difference in helping us create the best possible school experience for our students.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills