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Dear Parents and Carers

I am aware that this is a stressful time and that much sad news is out in our community. It is even more important then to also share with you the positive news from the college over the term and to celebrate.

You will already be aware of the appointment of our new substantive Headteacher, Ms Paula Whyte. Ms Whyte is an experienced Associate Headteacher and previously a Deputy Headteacher, both in the Dioceses of Westminster. An opportunity to meet with her in the new term will be arranged.

During this term we have prepared for Lent, there has been a full programme of preparation including Ash Wednesday services for all staff and students and for Year 8 parents attending the parents evening. The programme has included our retreats, opportunities for reconciliation and works of charity. We were delighted to host Bishop Hudson on St Patricks Day, he was full of praise for the boys and the work of the college.

Students on our Ski Trip to Austria were fortunate in having perfect weather conditions to take full advantage of this opportunity. I am grateful to the staff accompanying the trip, Dr Ali Khan, Mr Crowley and Mr Brown. We have also offered an extensive Cultural Capital visits day which included a range of interesting visits to museums, businesses and universities. Our sporting success has continued as well as our mentoring program, including support from Goldsmiths and Kings College University to name but a few. We were also delighted to receive support from our Teens and Toddlers Group. A cohort of 12 students participated in the Brilliant Scholar's Program hosted by Cambridge University. These students are taught and mentored by a PhD student, Florence Platford and their project topic was 'Things can only get better': A short history of ideas about Progress). Their projected culminated with them having to write a 1200 word essay. A hearty congratulations to these boys, it was wonderful to join their Parents' as we celebrated their success at their awards evening.

The school has been greatly focused on ensuring that progress is made for all students at the school and it was good to read what the reviews of our work reported on our curriculum and post 16 reported... affirming that the very positive results in the summer continue to impact on the educational experiences of your son. The College was also delighted to hear of the offers made to our post 16 students at university. I am sure that you, as parents, are anxious about the summer results in the light of the recent news and I will keep you up to date when we are better informed.

I thank you for your support during the past few weeks. As we come to the end of the term and in present uncertain times, you and your families are held in our thoughts and prayers.

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER