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Dear Parents and Carers,

As our half term comes to an end, we are thankful for all our wonderful students and community who shine light into our days. Our students and staff have been working really hard and we hope they all enjoy a well-deserved break this half term.

Well-being Workshops

Our work on 'wellbeing' has continued this week with two workshops on 'managing stress and anxiety'. The students involved have taken a lot from these days and we will be encouraging other students to sign up to these workshops in future weeks.

Presenting Ideas to Staff

A group of our well-being ambassadors delivered an excellent presentation of their ideas to our school improvement team this week. They were amazing! They presented in front of all the senior and curriculum leaders in the school who then asked them questions. They will now be working with our staff to put their plans into action.

Prize Presentation - virtual event for our Y11 leavers of 2021

Many thanks to Mr Walter, governors and staff who have pulled together an excellent virtual event to recognise the achievements of our class of 2021. Their parents have been sent a link to the awards evening. Well done to those who have won prizes and achieved so much last year. We wish them all the best for their very bright futures.

"We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future."— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Year 9 Options

Our 'In School' Options evening is in the first week back after the half term break on Thursday 3rd March. We are really excited finally to be able to host an event in school! Y9 parents have received details of the booking system and an options booklet with details of the process has been given to Y9 students. Mr Walter will be delivering 'information presentations' as part of the options evening. Lots of staff will be around to help and support and students will have taster sessions in all the option subjects next half term.

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Some changes after half term

After half term, we will be moving from split breaks and lunches and returning to one break and one lunch. We will be opening the hall with extra tables to add additional seating. Each key stage will have indoor and outdoor areas as well as a designated sports area.

Staff are really excited as this will allow us to offer more lunchtime activities as well as giving our student leaders the opportunity to be prefects and take the lead on many of the activities. Year 11 will also be given some designated space for work and study. We will go over this with students when we return on Monday 28th February. Timetabled lessons for each day will be same as current timetables and our start and finish times have not changed. It will be lovely to 'unite' all of our staff and year groups together again in their social times.

"Together we step out in faith, knowing Christ is with us and united a holy family."

Have a great half term everyone!

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Yours faithfully

Mrs D Mitchell Headteacher

