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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's events...

Practical Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students have been working hard on their practical mock exams in Hospitality and Catering and Art this week. Their teachers are really pleased with the standard of work produced and will be helping them to prepare for the final practical exams in the summer term. Well done Year 11!

Year 11 Parents evening

It was great to catch up with parents to discuss their child's mock results and the progress they have made. If you have any further queries, please email enquiry or call us. We are arranging an evening event before half term when we will go through revision strategies and give some practical help for parents and students. An invitation letter will be sent out next week.

Year 10 trip to the Houses of Parliament



On Wednesday, twelve Year 10 students embarked on a trip to London with Mr Bailey. As part of the trip they did a whistle stop tour of Knightsbridge, Buckingham Palace (where the King was in residence) and then onto the Houses of Parliament. The students were able to visit and watch the debate on the Rwanda bill as well as visiting the House of Lords. The final part of the trip was a Q&A session with our new MP Keir Maher. He spent time answering

all their questions. The students were amazing and gave him a real grilling on a wide range of issues including: Why is the Parliament canteen subsidised? What are your thoughts on the new conflict in the Middle East? They also asked for his thoughts on the plans for new housing and solar farms in our local area. Many thanks to Keir Maher. Our students had an inspirational day.



Additional Newsletter

We have attached a well-being bulletin from Mrs Selway, our senior leader for well-being and safeguarding. This includes some well-being strategies and national online safety guidance.

Other bits & pieces...

Summer Residential

Year 7 students have been given a letter today regarding a summer residential to Newby Wiske Hall with PGL. Please can parents scan the QR code on the letter or get in touch with school to register your interest. If you would like any more details about the trip please contact Mr Wadsworth.

Attendance

If you feel that you need some support with your child's attendance, please get in touch with our attendance officer or pastoral team as soon as possible.

Recently, The Education Hub on the Government Website have suggested ways on how to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support.

Please click on the link below to access the website:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

Finally this week...

Yesterday, 18/01/24, was the start of 'Christian Unity Week'. Our students have been looking at this year's theme of **'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27)** Using the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' they have considered ways they can demonstrate the virtues of compassion and kindness.

- Recognising that someone needs our help and doing something about it
- Talking to someone, making them feel better
- Telling a member of staff if you are concerned about someone
- A charitable act – fundraising, giving up something to help others
- Saying something nice and meaning it
- Saying 'thank you'
- Helping someone else in your class who is struggling with their work

We hope you are all shown some compassion and kindness this weekend.



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher