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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few bits and pieces...

Well done to Y11 – practical and speaking exams

Our PE students were observed today by an exam board moderator, they all worked really hard on their own skills as well as supporting each other. They conducted themselves in a professional manner at all times. Earlier this week, students were assessed on the 'Spoken English' element of their English GCSE. Mr Sweetman and Mr Williams were impressed by their maturity and the effort they put into their speeches. Our Y11 students who study French have also taken the 'speaking' element of their exam this week which can be very daunting. Well done to all of you for your excellent conduct and positive attitude!

Y11 Prom

An additional letter was given to Y11 today with further details about the prom and a sheet to return with information requested by Carlton Towers. These forms need to be returned by 17th May.

Year 8 Parent's Evening – in school on Thursday 9th May

Booking information has been sent out to parents and carers of Year 8. If you have any issues booking appointments please contact us.

Warmer Weather – water bottles

We are encouraging students to bring water bottles to fill up at the water fountain in the canteen to reduce plastic waste. This facility is available before registration, at break and during lunch time.

Personal Development – information on 'County Lines' and 'Drugs Awareness'

As part of our personal development programme in school we have organised inputs on 'County Lines' and 'Drugs Awareness' from the Selby Safer Schools Team. These sessions will be delivered in 'age appropriate' assemblies over the next two weeks.

Mass for Year 11

On Wednesday we are taking Year 11 to a special mass being said for them by Father Wilson at St Mary's Church in Carlton. Their main exams start on Thursday 9th May. We know that you will all keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, this week...

We have reached the month of May and our Collective Worship and assemblies this week have focused on 'Our Lady'. We have reflected on all aspects of Mary's life and the virtues she modelled. In my assemblies I also talked about Pope Francis's message last Sunday on his visit to Venice. He spoke to the young people about spending time away from their mobile phones and social media. He mentioned the importance of spending time together and the difference that they can make in the world. His speech ended with...

"Open your heart to God, thank Him, and embrace the beauty that you are; fall in love with your life," he concluded. "Then go! Go out, and walk together with others; look for those who are alone, colour the world with your creativity, and paint the streets of life with the Gospel. Arise and go." Pope Francis

What an inspiring message for our young people.

Have a lovely 'bank holiday' weekend,

Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher