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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of September, I am reflecting on a very positive start to this academic year. The last four weeks have been productive, purposeful and fast moving. Every year, our staff return from the summer break motivated to get their new classes into the very best place possible for another successful year. No moment is wasted and I am grateful for the work ethic and commitment of our students and staff who are determined to aim high towards the very best outcomes.

As you know, our Christian vision of 'Go and do likewise' from the parable of the Good Samaritan, reminds us that we want our school community to be one of love, compassion and selflessness. There have been a number of events in recent weeks that have reaffirmed to me that this is a community of students whom we are blessed to work with and rightly proud of. I regularly receive feedback from staff, professionals and members of the local community regarding the excellent conduct of our young people both in school and beyond, and I felt compelled to write to you and celebrate them.

On Tuesday afternoon, I was invited to join the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award ceremony for our Year 10 students. Throughout the qualification, the students have been required to show a long-term commitment to volunteering and learning a skill, alongside physical endurance and the expedition challenge. The D of E programme is designed to develop and test resilience, dedication and communication skills. 95 of our students have completed this highly valued accreditation this year and I am sure that the experience will serve them well in preparation for life beyond school. My thanks to Mrs Cobb and her team for their support and hard work in providing this opportunity.

Last night was our annual Open Evening for Year 6 students and parents. It is a very important event for us as a school and we take advantage of the occasion to showcase our excellent students and staff. As usual, we were absolutely thrilled at the number of students who gave their time to join us and represent the school as a tour guide or within a department. In addition to this, I was delighted to be joined by our School Captains and some Year 7 ambassadors to lead our welcome speech in the main hall. The feedback from our visitors was overwhelmingly superb. Thank you to all of the students who contributed to an evening to be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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