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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you've been enjoying the recent improvement in the weather. It's been a fantastic week here at school, and I wanted to share some of the highlights with you.

This week, we had Careers Assemblies for all year groups, which gave our students valuable insights into the various career paths available to them. Years 7 to 10 also did an excellent job in their KAST exams, showing impressive dedication and effort. Our Year 11 GCSE food students have spent the week doing their practical sessions, and they really did themselves proud with their hard work and professionalism.

A special mention goes to our Year 11 students who took part in their final school photo at Birchwood today. It was a lovely moment to mark their time with us as they approach the end of their secondary school journey. They will be bringing home slips should you wish to purchase the photos direct.

Our House competitions continue to be a highlight for the students, and this week, they enjoyed a fun penalty shootout. The enthusiasm for these events is always great to see, and next week, we're looking forward to the balloon pop competition, which everyone is eagerly anticipating.

We are also incredibly proud to have shared our Ofsted report with you earlier this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the overwhelming positive comments on the Ofsted Parent Survey — your support means so much to us.

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite you to a **Parent Event** on Tuesday, **3rd February**. The event will take place at two separate times: one **at 9am and the other at 5pm**, in the Community Building (the old college). The focus of the event will be on reporting and assessment, and it would be wonderful to see you there and have the chance to engage in discussions about how we can continue to support our students' learning and progress.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. It makes such a positive difference to everything we do here at school.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills