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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our parents' events on Tuesday. For those who were unable to attend, I will be sending out the information this week, so please do look out for it.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our Year 7 and 8 IAG (Information, Advice, and Guidance) meeting next Thursday and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Last week, we held auditions for our Rock Concert, and I would like to congratulate everyone who put themselves forward—what a talented group we have! We also enjoyed our Cultural Cuisine Week, where students had the opportunity to try food from a range of different cultures, as well as learn about the history and origins of these cuisines. It was a truly enjoyable experience for all involved.

Another highlight of last week was the House Quiz, with students getting involved in a fun and competitive way. This week, we will host House Bingo in the gym, marking the final House competition of this half term.

Calling all budding interviewers

Our year 10 students will be taking part in a mock interview day on Wednesday 19th March 2025. Students are currently busy preparing CVs and personal statements in preparation for the event. We would like to open out the chance to be an interviewer for the day to any parents or carers who would like to share their expertise with our Year 10 students. The students will take part in a 15-minute mock interview where we would ask the interviewer to ask the questions and give some feedback on thoughts about the CV. It's been a great day in the past and if you would like to help, please complete the Microsoft form here with details and times. <https://forms.office.com/e/ccb3bzdN1v>.

National Apprenticeship Week 10th – 16th February 2025

This week is national apprenticeship week, and we have some activities taking place to raise everyone's awareness of what an apprenticeship is and the different careers that are available linked to our school subjects. You can find out more about the apprenticeships in the parent's guide on the amazing apprenticeships website which has a good range of video clips aimed at parents to share with students. Link here <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/apprentices-are-amazing-film/> We will be giving students a focussed reading task as well to help with their own understanding. Our careers newsletter will be sent out to coincide with National Apprenticeship Week on Monday so please keep looking at your class charts announcements.



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Our final week is shaping up to be a busy one, with Year 11 students preparing for their Speaking Exams in Languages. We wish them all the best of luck as they take on this important challenge.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful week ahead, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Emma Mills