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Dear Parent,

The College grounds are looking absolutely stunning at the moment, with trees displaying their full colour spectrum. It has been good to have a relatively dry week too, allowing the children to be outside as much as possible.

Pupils respected two minutes of silence at 11am on Wednesday to mark Remembrance Day at the College. Mrs Hutchings, Head of Media, and a team of Year 12 pupils compiled a short clip for all pupils in College to watch. We send thanks to them, as the clip linked national thoughts with thoughts of those pupils and staff from the College who gave their lives to service. Reverend Gratton held a virtual Chapel Service for the College, leading up to the 2 minutes of silence. The usual, annual Sunday Remembrance Service will be replaced this year by an in-house Requiem Service, on Friday.

Mrs Morgan announced the winners of the extension activity 'Autumn Competition' in Assembly on Monday. There were fabulous entries from all year groups. We saw many creative skills in action. Now that this extension competition is complete, the second challenge for the term has been set. It will focus on 'Empathy for our World'. David Attenborough recently posted a 'YouTube' video where famous or significant people ask him questions about how, in his opinion, we can save the planet from further ecological damage. Using David Attenborough's suggestions, the pupils will be challenged to create an 'attention grabbing' poster to create awareness of the topic and to offer practical ways that people can help reduce further damage. Mrs Morgan will judge entries in the last week of this term.

There were a record number of House points awarded last week. Heywood House came out on top by a narrow margin. The pupils and staff in that House were delighted, as it is their first victory this term, with Brownlow House having held the cup for four weeks out of seven. The competition for top House of the term is still very much an open debate!

It is good to see a large number of pupils attending Communion Club on Tuesday tea time. Reverend Gratton has chosen many stimulating activities to stretch and challenge thinking. The pupils appear to really enjoy the sessions. Pupils should contact Reverend Gratton if they would like to join this group. It was good to see the pupils looking smart in their uniform upon return after half term. This week we have had a number of lost property items. Please could parents check that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly named. We can then ensure a swift return should the item become misplaced.

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As a note of reassurance, it is worth mentioning that we are still remaining firm regarding hand washing, hand sanitising and keeping to bubble groups in College, to keep our children as safe as possible. Thank you again for keeping any child who may be unwell at home during this difficult time for all. Should you have a medical worry, please do not hesitate to contact the College Sister Team. Similarly, on any educational matter, the tutor is the first point of contact. General questions can be directed to Mrs Leonard, the Lower School Secretary. She will then link with the appropriate member of staff to deal with the specific concern.

Kind regards and stay well.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely