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Dear Parent,

It was pleasing to see the large number of quality entries for the Physics competition this week. Year 8 pupils have been challenged to design working models to display and explain a physics concept of their choice. The final was an exciting event, held on Wednesday and Francine Gilmore and Ellie Edwards demonstrated and explained an amazing model, which focused on the centre of gravity of balancing cutlery.

The third set of Period Grades are posted on the Parent Portal today. Mr Dilks, Assistant Head Academic, will be working with individual KS3 (Year 7 and 8 pupils) where assessments did not go as well as expected. Similarly, Mrs Phillips oversees KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). These extra sessions are used by pupils as purely supportive sessions and aim to go over weaker curriculum areas. Therefore, it should not specifically be seen as a cause for concern if a pupil is asked to attend.

This evening there is the Year 8 to Year 9 Presentation in the Arts Centre at 5.15pm followed by the Year 8 Parents' Evening in Big School Hall. Pupils usually attend both the Presentation and the Parents' Evening with their parents. Please contact Mrs Leonard with any questions regarding these events.

The next Music Tea will be in Lower School Hall next week, on Monday 11th February at 4.30pm. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided.

Please remember that House Cross Country is next Thursday. Parents are most welcome to join us on the day. Please remember to ensure that you sign out your child at the score desk, should you wish to take them home after the event. Mr Williams, Director of Sport, asks us to note that for this year's Cross Country we are making a slight change. Following the middle and senior pattern, we will run the year groups at the same time with a slight staggered start. The start time for **all the races** will now be **3.30pm** not **2.30pm** as previously published.

It is always good to report on the success of the Lower School swimmers. Recently they have been involved in intensive County Championship events. The Lower School swimmers swam with distinction. Every swimmer qualified to compete in the championships and all of them made it into finals. Elexi-Povey Abbott and Mandy Sihlangu gained medals in at least one event. Eleanor Broughton, Katie Hale, Jake Hutchinson, Brooke Illingworth, Jacob Lee and James Raw all became County Champions in multiple events. Well done everyone, what a great set of results displaying the benefits of dedication and effort!

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This will be the last call for returns to indicate that Year 8 pupils wish to come bowling next week. We will depart on Tuesday 12th February at 6pm and return to school to be collected at 8.20pm. There are options on the reply slip to indicate collection from the Venue at Park Hall.

It has been good to see Year 8 pupils enjoying the recreation room on the top floor of Lower School during lunch times. Activities include pool and table tennis, table football and board games. Should any family wish to dispose of unwanted board games, we would welcome any addition to the stock we have.

This is the last newsletter for this half term. Please note that Half Term begins next Friday 15th February. School transport departs as normal at 5.30pm. Day pupils return on Monday 25th February and Boarders return the evening before.

Have a good half term once it arrives.

Yours sincerely

Please delete as appropriate:

Name of pupil _____ will attend/will not attend the Year 8 bowling evening.

I will collect him/her from College at 8.20pm

I will collect him/her from 'The Venue' at 7.45pm

I enclose a cheque/cash for £8

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