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Dear Parent

Assessment week passed successfully with pupils taking the snapshot tests in their stride. The results will contribute towards the assessment of performance over this last four-week period. The second Period Grade will be published soon after the results are shared with pupils.

Please could every pupil have a personal reading book in their school bag. This book should be different from the text in class. It is also worth checking that pencil cases contain the essential academic items still. I have noted some pupils asking to loan rulers, calculators and pens of late.

It could be described simply as a joyful occasion, watching the performance of the High School Musical this week. It was lovely on a number of fronts, we were able to have an audience at a production for the first time in a long time as well as it being able to welcome many of our parents. It was also good to be able to showcase the talent that many of our pupils have when acting, back-staging, singing and dancing.

Year 8 are going bowling in Shrewsbury this Wednesday, we hope this will be an enjoyable evening. Pupils will require a little spending money to buy a drink. If children would like, they can bring a change of clothing to get changed into at School prior to going bowling. Please can you be clear with instructions regarding collection of your child after the event.

There is a Lower School Musical Tea-time Concert on Monday 28th March at 4.30pm until 5.15pm. This short event is an opportunity for our Lower School musicians to 'dip their toe' into performing. Please feel welcome to come along if your child is performing, have refreshments and listen to a number of pieces. It is planned to finish in time for home travel at 5.30pm.

It has been lovely to see a large number of children visiting school on taster days recently. I have been particularly impressed by the way that pupils have acted as buddies and generally looked after the visitors. It can be a daunting experience for young children to visit a new school. Our pupils have made them feel very welcome and settled.

Hopefully, during the Summer Term there will be a chance for parents to touch base personally at events in School. It is nice to see the new art work around the Lower School corridors. We certainly have talented artists and we like to display as much as we possibly can.

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It is worth mentioning from time to time that pupils are not allowed to carry mobile telephones around College, even in a bag. These items must be locked in personal lockers. This also extends to smart watches; these items must have a 'disable connection facility' and not allow messages to go back and forth in the day.

A large number of children are forgetting water bottles of late. We still have restricted access to mouth use of the drinking fountains, so it is important that pupils have a bottle to fill. It is also essential to name these items too as we are collecting quite a few.

It is worth noting that the last day of the Lent Term is Friday 1st April. The College transport departs one hour earlier than normal at 4.30pm. Please make a note of this with respect to pick up from coach stops, etc. The new term starts with Boarders returning on Monday 25th April between 5.00pm and 9.00pm and Day Pupils returning Tuesday 26th April. There is also a Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May however the College is open and pupils are in as normal.

It is Exeat weekend this weekend with not as many fixtures etc. I hope that everyone has a rest and returns refreshed and ready for the final push of the Lent term.

Yours sincerely