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Dear Parent,

It has been lovely to see the pupils settle well into the Summer routines of Lower School.

The weather has been a little frustrating this week. Hopefully, all of the rain will bring a great display of colour once the sun breaks through. The showers can affect the cricket matches. Please consult the College sport web page for up to date information from Mr Williams, Director of Sport regarding last minute changes to detail over the forthcoming weeks. Obviously, Mrs Lowe and Mrs Arrowsmith, the Lower School secretaries are available too, should concerns arise.

We have had a big week of exams and assessments and as you will imagine it has been very busy for the pupils. The exam period for KS3 particularly is designed to gently begin to get pupils into the mind set for public examinations for the future and we treat the routine seriously but within perspective. Pupils will be reflecting on their performance over the next few weeks.

On Wednesday 11th May the Usbourne Book Fair will come to Lower School. There will be a rota for the KS2 children to visit, KS3 pupils may visit at lunch time or break time. Further information will follow via InTouch.

Mr Crawford is once again holding a Lower School Quiz complete with buzzers, picture rounds, music recognition rounds, masses of current affairs and general knowledge questions. Each House will be challenged to put together their brightest quiz team. The questions are tough and really do exhibit the intellectual breadth that many of our children possess! In addition, it is a great deal of fun!

The Lower School choir is developing well. Mrs Paul and Mr Coupe have been very pleased with progress to date. We encourage all pupils to have a go, as it's amazing what extra skill they may accomplish with a little time spent with practise.

It is worth noting that the College holds an Art Exhibition during half term week. Details of times are in the white College Calendar. It is a really worth a visit with extended families and friends.

It is also good to see a large number of pupils enjoying the College golf course. Mr Williams, Director of Sport coordinates training sessions and rounds, pupils should contact him to arrange to learn the sport or to play a round, College can supply equipment.

This weekend is very busy from a number of perspectives. The swimmers continue to train hard and the tennis teams have a number of tournaments on the horizon. We wish all of them well and look forward to hearing the results.

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We are collecting a large number of lost uniform items. Please could families ensure that all items are clearly labelled so that they can swiftly be returned to their owners.

Pupils have also been reminded that mobile telephones should be locked in lockers during the College day. Also, Smart Watches are not allowed with connectivity, they too have the potential to cause distractions in lessons.

We are aware that the Jubilee celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth are in the half term holiday. We plan to have a small picnic tea on the last Friday of half term in Lower School to celebrate a little. Pupils should bring a picnic rug to school on that day. We hope the weather is fine!

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,