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Dear Parent,

The weeks are racing by and this demonstrates how busy the College is at the moment. Sadly, the weather has been a bit hit and miss and the rain has forced some outdoor sessions, inside. A few children have got wet walking between lessons. It is prudent to still use a waterproof coat for School until the weather becomes more reliably dry.

End of year examinations and assessments appear to have gone smoothly last week. This week, pupils will go through papers and the focus will be on correction of any mistakes that were made. Even though it's good to perform well in an exam, it is of equal value to learn from the mistakes made. Period grade 5 is fast approaching and will be shared with home at the end of Week Four.

The Work Room has been busy during lunchtime and breaktimes this week. Pupils may sign to work in the Work Room during these times. This is to encourage ownership of hitting personal work deadlines. It also helps children to keep on top of work should they choose to take part in an activity at a prep time. It also aims to help time management, a valuable life skill.

The Lower School study is a little like an electrical store at the moment. However, the good news is that the roll out of smartboard installations is ongoing through the term in our classroom areas. They are fantastic educational devices to use.

The Director of Tennis - County Training contacted College this week to say that a number of pupils have been invited to train with the County. Well done to Jasper Tomkins, Gwen Klu, Joe O'Grady, Emily Males, Oscar Hewitt, Harry Wyke, Ivy Glinos and Alfie Edwards. We will watch their progress with interest.

India Hibbott has achieved her Grade 3 Ballet plus Grade 3 Contemporary Dance too! In addition, there will be more music gradings in the pipeline shortly. We do have active and talented children in Lower School and I do enjoy sharing good news when I hear of it!

There have been a large number of prospective pupils visiting the school. I would like to also say well done to those pupils who have looked after them. We truly do have thoughtful and supportive children in the Lower School Community. They are a credit to College, to themselves and parents too!

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In Assembly we reminded all pupils regarding kind interactions, both directly and electronically. It is so important that pupils speak to their personal tutors at the start of any upset. In this way things can be kept in perspective right from the start. As you know, poor social media interaction can be so harmful and become so complicated with he/she said this and that. Quite often it is impossible to see the start of any unpleasantness and claim and counter claim ensue. We have recently been asked to deal with interactions between pupils regarding incidents that have taken place outside of School time. It is the family decision regarding electronic device use and that is respected. However, please ensure that checks are made and responsibility is taken if situations take a turn for the worse. The directive from the College is that no Lower School child should use any chat forum. They are best kept for Middle School, when usually children are more mature to manage things.

Mobile telephones must be locked away during the College day and there are sanctions for those caught breaking that simple rule. As you will imagine, the rule is there to keep young minds on the educational tasks in hand.

The Parents' Society have kindly provided a commemorative lapel badge for each pupil at the College. These are lovely keep-sakes of the Coronation this weekend. Please ask your child to see the badge as we will give them out in tutorial time and ask that they are put somewhere safe to go home.

Have a good weekend when it arrives. I hope we have a spell of good weather and it will continue to allow any lovely celebrations to go ahead.

On a final note, regarding Bank holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May please remember that College operates as normal.

Yours sincerely