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Dear Parent,

The weeks are racing by. The College Open Day is on Saturday 7th March 1.00pm-4.00pm. It would be lovely to have as many pupils to help as possible, if they are free to do so. I have attached a reply slip to the end of this weeks' newsletter to aid the organisation process. We do appreciate the support families give when transporting children to and from School.

The Lower School House Cross Country took place yesterday. Many families came to watch and there was a lovely atmosphere. The Senior School event took place this week too. All in all, it was a celebration of superb effort and good spirit!

The Lower School swimmers are performing exceptionally well at the moment. Their training appears to be paying off with improved personal best times across all disciplines. Well done!

Well done to the Lower School Fencers too! Oscar Crossen and Myles Webster competed in the West Midlands Regional Epee Qualifier last Sunday and both boys fenced extremely well against very experienced opposition. Now Oscar will progress to the British Youth Championships Birmingham, to be held in May.

Year 8 Parents' Meeting is Friday 7th February. The event starts in the Arts Centre with a Middle School Transition presentation at 5.15pm. The Parents' Meeting, regarding academic progress will follow on from this in the Big School Hall. There will be the opportunity to speak to staff regarding general progress and the minor option choices that are possible when moving from Year 8 to Year 9. Pupils may accompany their parents throughout the evening therefore, it will be necessary to order a School supper for pupils if they intend to stay in School. Please return the reply slip attached at the foot of the newsletter. Please book any sibling intending to stay, into the after school facility. Please only use this if the situation is absolutely necessary.

Year 8 pupils have recently completed the first round of the annual Physics Competition. There have been many well-presented entries. The finals will take place on Wednesday 5th February.

There will be a Musical Tea on Monday 10th February starting at 4.30pm. Please feel welcome to join us at this informal but lovely event. Refreshments are provided.

There are a number of new clubs running at lunchtime and pupils have been enjoying learning Chinese, playing Chess and taking part in Drama activities. Pupils have also been encouraged to increase their personal reading and each pupil should carry a reading book in their School bag. Ms Rogers is looking at extending the enrichment programme even further and I will circulate information when it comes through.

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Mrs Leonard keeps a signing out sheet in the Lower School office. Please would parents remember to sign out their child when taking them out of School early for dental appointments etc. In addition, please would parents report to the Lower School office when they visit the College during the School day. This is important for safeguarding legislation.

The Parents' Society organised a lovely Burns Night event last weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of Lower School for their efforts. It is a good way to meet other parents in the School, when the usual brief contact sometimes may be a swift one at School drop off or pick up time.

Have a nice weekend and hopefully the weather will stay fine for fixtures to go ahead!

Yours sincerely

Please return to Lower School office

Name of pupil.....

We shall be attending the Year 8 to Year 9 presentation followed by the Parents' Meeting on Friday 7th February

I require supervision for siblings

We will unfortunately not be able to attend

Signed.....

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