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Dear Parent,

Lower School held an Ash Wednesday Eucharist this week in Chapel to signify the start of Lent. This explains why 'ashed foreheads' may have appeared at home on Wednesday evening.

We are constantly looking to stretch and challenge the children. Mrs Rogers, member of staff in charge of enrichment projects, has set further Learning Challenges for all year groups. The theme this half term is 'Logic Puzzles'. Pupils have been working on these for a few weeks now and answers should go to tutors as soon as possible. The puzzles are noted on FROG. We would like to also draw attention to the 'Love Further Learning' button on the FROG platform. This can be found on the main page.

Children are also encouraged to read as much as possible. Support from home is greatly appreciated with this. To help with interest, teachers are displaying the title of their current reading book on their classroom door.

Miss Darrant (Head of Physics) and Mr Crawford were suitably impressed with the quality of this year's Year 8 Physics competition entries. Finals were held on the last Friday before half term. It was a tough event as pupils were extended by being asked to demonstrate their working models and explain their concept of science behind each design. The notification of winners and presentation of prizes will take place in Assembly on Monday morning.

Mr Atherton is running a Grand Masters Lower School Chess Competition over the forthcoming weeks. It has been a lot of fun for the children. Chess Club has been really popular this year. It helps when Mr Atherton and Mr Dilks are very competitive chess players too and the ultimate aim is for one of the children to beat one of them. It hasn't happened yet! The challenge is there.

We also will be looking forward to House Debating and the House General Knowledge Quiz. These events are also hugely competitive events between the 3 Houses and lots of fun.

The musicians have been working hard too. There have been a number of successes at the recent Oswestry Music Festival. Further details will arrive over the weekend with a full list of results in next week's newsletter.

We wish the musicians well as many of them are also preparing for Associated Board examinations in the forthcoming weeks.

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Well done to Oliver Draco and Sepp Karnik-Lovatt. Both Year 8 boys have been successful and have been selected to train with the Sale Sharks Rugby Development Player Pathway (DPP) at U13 level. We will watch their progress with interest.

Assessment week starts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and pupils are preparing for these snapshot assessments. The results are used for tracking progress and benchmarking purposes.

There has been a bout of sickness around School. The School Sister asks that should a child become unwell, please could they be kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. With this action, we should hopefully minimize the spread of illness to our community in School.

Sister also asks for the return of any remaining HPV slips please. It is important that a slip from all Year 8 pupils is received, even if it indicates that your child is not to receive the immunisation.

The College Open Day is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1pm-4pm. Once again, we would value help from our Lower School pupils. Please could you return the attached slip to indicate that your child is available to help. It is quite a long afternoon therefore, even a shorted time frame of help would be in order too. Please indicate your preference on the slip.

Hopefully, the weather will be good enough to allow sport matches at the weekend. The pupils have been working hard in training this week!

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

*Please return to Lower School office*

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**OPEN DAY**

Name of pupil .....

will/will not (***please select as appropriate***) be available to help with Open Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Time available.....

Signed .....