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Dear Parents and Carers

What a great end to another busy term, and with the clocks changing we now have lighter nights and (slightly) warmer weather to look forward to. I am pleased that we have a number of activities taking place over the Easter holidays, starting tomorrow with our very popular chocolate hunt for primary school students. I can't wait to see those hunters charging round our school yard!

We also have a sport camp taking place for students in Y7 and 8, some intervention and workshops for Y10 11 and 13, and lots of other activities for older years including two rewards trips; one to Birmingham to see a live performance of 'Annie' and one to Laser Quest & bowling. We also have a trip to Liverpool to sing backing vocals for Sonia at the Eurovision rehearsals. That will surely be a trip to remember!

Our school has so many reasons to feel proud this term; last week, Our U15's Boys Cricket team played in the Wolverhampton Schools Indoor Cricket Competition. As Sandwell Indoor & Outdoor Champions from last year, it was a good challenge for the students to face schools from another region. Placed in Group B, we came runners up winning 3 of the 4 matches, only losing to overall winners Wolverhampton Grammar School. In our semi-final against Group A winners Highfields, the game finished as a tie on the last ball of the game! The lads were a credit to the school throughout.

Also in sport, Our Y10 Boys earned a draw with Q3 Langley in football. The lads came from behind twice to draw 2-2 at Q3 Langley. Goals from Zamin Q & Merkiah P with special mention to Hamza S who went in goal in the absence of the usual Goalkeeper!

You may remember that some of our EAL students have been taking part in a project with Black Country Radio, to present their own show and help improve their confidence in speaking English. I am pleased to let you know that they recently did another show and I think you will be amazed at some of the

students' progress. Look out for the link on our social media.

You may know that we are currently in the holy month of Ramadan, an important window in the Islamic calendar. When Muslims break their fast after the sun goes down they enjoy a meal together, known as Iftar. Yesterday, we held a Community Iftar at Holly Lodge and some students were chosen to bring along guests to share these traditions with our community. We also had a number of guests from the Smethwick community and the evening was a lovely event with a family feel. We have more events coming up as part of our cultural celebrations culminating in our culture day in May.

Our CCF took a trip to Swynnerton last weekend to have their Biennial Review. You can see photos on the next page, and on our social media. Well done to all students and staff involved for showing such professionalism and respect. Many thanks to Colonel Coulon as our Inspecting Officer.

We have lots of exciting news from the More Able team: Two recent assemblies were present by a Film & TV director and a PR & Communications Representative. Both were really informative and inspirational and gave students some insight into different careers opportunities. Y7 & 8 More Able students had a study skills masterclass delivered by Mr Burke to help them learn techniques to be able to study more effectively.

After Easter there are More Able two trips which are free of charge to students – one for KS4 to Gloucestershire University looking at computing, one from KS3 to Staffordshire University also looking at computing and coding. It's great to see that both trips are fully booked. Also fully booked is the London Globe theatre More Able trip.

Have a wonderful Easter break, all students back to school on Monday 17th April at 8.40am.



Best Regards

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YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL

Tonight the Year 10 boys came from behind twice to draw away at @q3langley

Well done lads - great effort 🙌

#ambition #opportunity #community



YEAR 7/8 BOYS FOOTBALL

Yet another good showing at Football tonight on the field. Year 7 preparing for tomorrow's game.

Tuesday 21st:
Year 7 vs OSCA @ home
Year 10 vs Q3 Langley @ away

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U15 BOYS CRICKET

Placed in Group B, we came runners up winning 3 of the 4 matches, only losing to overall winners @WGS1512

In our semi final against @hswv, the game finished as a tie on the last ball of the game! 🏏

Thanks to @StaffsCommunity for running the event today!



Well done to Raul 9F who won the 'guess the number of sweets in the jar competition' organised by 6th form charity leaders for #RedNoseDay fundraising. His very close guess was 278. There were 279 sweets in the jar. Well done and enjoy your prize!



A weekend at Swynnerton for @HollyLodgeCCF's Biennial Review. @ArmyCadetsUK, @aircadets and @NursingCadets all took part. A massive thanks to Colonel Coulon as our Inspecting Officer, @BritishArmy @202FieldHosp for your help. Our cadets and CFAVs were fantastic as always.



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Wow, another show recorded for @WeAreBCR with some of our EAL students. Such great work by these students and a massive increase in their language confidence. #Community



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01/04 Primary chocolate hunt

03/04 Easter Activities week

14/04 Eurovision trip

17/04 Back to school

18/08 Y11 Art exam

19/04 Y12 Symphony Hall trip

21/04 Y11 Art exam

22/04 DofE Bronze Expedition