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Dear Parent/Carer

Acting Rector's Weekly Update 29-1-16

This week sees the end of our assessment week and our assembly hall returned to normal. I would like to thank our invigilation team, and teachers who have given up lunchtime and non-contacts to provide extra advice and coaching. I hope the grades are encouraging and all learners take steps to address individual feedback. On the theme of feedback, I would commend some of the mature pupil discussions on the banning of Energy Drinks and the response from seniors observing uniform in the classroom. Long may this continue!

There have been numerous highlights this week and one in particular that will take some beating. It is not the efforts of our 7-aside football team who finished runners up nor is it my invite to the final of the S3 YPI competition. Coming close is the publication of Hope C's and Stuart S' publication on Emma Watson and Bob Marley in National Inspired magazine. This week's top slot belongs to Thom B in S1. In modern languages, pupils were being taught how to describe their appearance and facial features. The teacher was having great fun pulling out his best jokes, mnemonics and puns to help pupils with the new vocabulary. These had been amassed over the past 25 years but when young Thom riposted "Mr Prosser, your jokes are getting cornea and cornea", he had to acknowledge comic genius. Young people are so unpredictable and that's what makes teaching the best profession.

Finally this week, I would like to thank S2 parents for their participation at the curriculum evening which ensured some important points were discussed openly. Reflecting on this, I have prepared a Question and Answer document to address the key issues.

Next week, I will be at Gordon House to discuss our strategies for improving attainment and on Tuesday we host S3 Parents' Evening.

To all our parents and pupils, have a very good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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