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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

This week has been a busy one in school. Not only have we had our long awaited Ofsted inspection, but it has also been Careers Week, World Book Day and International Women's Day (IWD). The students and staff have been amazing all week, and I am sure all are looking forward to the weekend.

## **Careers Week**

Thank you to those parents who have been into school this week to provide sessions for our students. On Tuesday, we welcomed some alumni, parents and local employers for our Year 12 careers morning. These included speakers from the Police, the Home Office, the Hospitality industry and the Media. Other activities included assemblies and lunchtime talks. Our assembly on Thursday was delivered by an ex-student who combined careers and IWD. We also have further assemblies next week celebrating IWD. The Careers Week culminated in the Year 10 Big Interview day. External volunteers kindly gave up their time to interview the students and discuss their CVs in preparation for the world of work. Thank you to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Gray for organising all of the events.

## **Student Success**

Congratulations to Teah Gregory in Year 11 who attended her first ever English Championships in Artistic Gymnastics as a senior last weekend. She was one of the youngest at 15 and was competing against all of the Olympic hopefuls; Ondine Achampong, Alice Kinsella, Becky Downie and Georgia-Mae Fenton to name a few. Teah put out a lovely clean bar routine and some new skills on other pieces, adding difficulty to her routines. Miss Fentiman had the pleasure of watching Teah compete and was completely in awe of her level of ability, focus and resilience. Well done Teah!

## Ofsted

As per the Ofsted framework, I am unable to share any information about the outcome of the Ofsted inspection at this stage. Our report should be with us after Easter, and I will be able to share it with you then. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for completing the survey so promptly. We have received many emails of good luck this week, and I am very grateful for these. I am trying to respond to them all, but please accept my apologies if I miss any. Our students are always excellent, but they went to another level over the last two days and I am very grateful to all of them. Thank you also to our staff for their continued hard work and commitment to the school.

I would like to draw your attention to the <u>Pearson Teaching Awards</u>. The Pearson Teaching Awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contributions of teachers who go above and beyond to inspire and educate students nationwide. They accept nominations from schools and parents.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr M Warren Headteacher