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Headteacher's Update – Friday 22nd April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Elliott Smith (Year 7) - Bravery and resilience

Freya Wilson (Year 7) - Acts of kindness towards staff and pupils

Luca Hurst, Joshua Leak (Year 7), Joseph Ball, Tristan Bradoo (Year 11) - Excellent and sustained effort in Geography

Maisie Newburn (Year 9) – Fundraising: World Scout Jamboree in South Korea

Charlie Scutt (Year 9) - Excellent involvement and effort in all lessons

Gemma Downes (Year 11) - Excellent role model to younger students

Bridget Boylan, Isaac Whall (Year 7), Theresa Boylan (Year 9), Joseph Boylan (Year 11) – Outstanding Achievement in Music.

Achievement Assemblies

This week we have held our Spring term achievement assemblies for Years 8-11 in the hall, with Year 7 to follow on Monday. As usual, pupils have been awarded badges and certificates to recognise and celebrate 'Being a Bede' in various ways. Please do encourage your child to wear their badges with pride.

Parents' Evenings

We have recently held our remote Parents' Evenings for Year 9 and Year 10. We hope that parents, carers and pupils have found the meetings useful.

Our remote Year 8 Parents' Evening is being held next Wednesday 27th April. Please see the separate letter for details of how to arrange appointments.

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

With the beginning of the main exam period now just three weeks away, we are already looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 pupils at their Leavers' Ball at Ribby Hall in June. Today, a large number of pupils have received invitations to the event, in recognition of their high standards of behaviour, attendance and punctuality over the last half-term. For pupils who have not yet received an invitation, there remains ample opportunity for them to do so if they demonstrate these high standards in the weeks that remain. I have emphasised this clearly to all Year 11 pupils in assembly this morning.

CCTV

Over the course of the academic year, we have installed CCTV cameras in some of our pupil toilets. As I explained in an earlier update on 3rd December, this was in response to feedback from parents and carers regarding some inappropriate behaviour in the toilets. Please be assured that, of course, cameras are directed only at open communal areas and do not impinge on privacy in any way. This is a common measure used by many schools to ensure the safety and comfort of pupils.

E-Cigarettes

A reminder that as from Tuesday 19th April we have amended our behaviour policy regarding confiscated 'Vapes' and related items as set out below:

“Any confiscated items relating to smoking, vaping or similar activity will be disposed of. They will not be returned to pupils or parents/carers in any circumstances.”

Have a lovely weekend.

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