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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I am writing with some really exciting news for our school in a couple of areas. Firstly our windows and roofing project was finally complete last week when our new entrance signage was put up, replacing some tiles that had seen better days. It is fresh and clean and sets off the front of our school really nicely.

Our second piece of news has been a difficult secret to keep. Some of your children will have shared with you yesterday that I told them in assembly of a visit we have next week. His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, is going to be visiting the school on Thursday 10th May. We are putting together a programme where all children will have the opportunity to see our special visitor, as he arrives and leaves the site. He is specifically coming to look at our work in outdoor learning and we thank Mrs Baldwin for generating this opportunity for us. He will meet students who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and also spend time with the youngsters at Sandcastle Nursery who are developing an outdoor garden area. We will also be hosting other local people, Headteachers and Duke of Edinburgh Award Leaders from schools.

This is a real privilege and we are so lucky to be chosen for a Royal visit and especially to be noticed because of the excellent things going on in our school. I am indeed very proud.

Year 11 have started their practical exams, completing exams in Art and Photography in the last week. PE practical exams start tomorrow and continue on Friday. We have been so impressed with the attitude and hard work of students, thank you parents for your support of them in what can be a very stressful time.

As always, if you want to contact me I am available on [VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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