



Dear Parents and Carers,

4th June 2018

We enjoyed welcoming your children back after the half term break, all ready for a busy last half term of the year.

I have really enjoyed seeing photographs on twitter this week of our French Water Sports Trip, led by Miss Fagg, Miss Spurling and Mrs Baldwin. The children have clearly had a wonderful time and experienced many new things. My thanks to the staff for spending their holidays taking this trip.

We have many events coming up this half term. Examinations continue, and I have been so impressed with our Year 11 students, but also with our younger students, some of whom have experienced the 'examination hall' for the first time. Behaviour has been excellent and hard work has been inspiring to see. Good luck to all those who have exams in the coming weeks. Events such as sports day, our annual sponsored walk, PROUD awards, Haverhill Heroes event, Year 11 Prom and Graduation are all packed in to the next few weeks. We will be in touch with relevant parents as the events arise.

I am also really excited to tell you about an event we have in school in July that parents, family and friends will also be able to experience. We have a themed week called 'This is me' week, beginning on 9th July. During this week we will be exploring the diverse nature of our school community, celebrating similarities and differences between us, and underpinning this with the concept that we are all valuable, loved members of our school. We will be using the theme 'This is me' to give students a platform to talk about themselves and be confident with who they are. Students will be developing activities and leading the week. During the week on Wednesday 11th July I have secured a vocal coach to come to school to run workshops based on songs from The Greatest Showman. We aim for as many students as possible to attend these workshops and enjoy learning and singing some songs from this popular film during the school day. The song 'This is me' is the inspiration for the theme of the week. I have also arranged for the vocal coach to deliver a workshop at the school in the evening of this day, and tickets can be purchased on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-greatest-showman-big-sing-vocal-workshop-haverhill-tickets-45760790757?ref=ebtnebtckt>

[The Greatest Showman Big Sing Vocal Workshop Haverhill ...](#)
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The Workshop will cover Vocal Technique, how to improve your overall voice and Performance Styles. There are no auditions and there is no need to read music. You will not be required to sing on your own. Your Vocal Coach is a Multi Award-Winning Professional Singer, Show Producer and Vocal Coach ...

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I was lucky enough to attend a workshop over the half term, and it was a fantastic event, and I really encourage you to consider booking tickets and coming along as a family. Community and family learning experiences are really enjoyable, and following on from our family screening of the film Wonder last term, I thought this would be a really nice opportunity.

We said goodbye to two staff at half term, Mrs Harris, who leaves us to take up a position at Thomas Gainsborough Academy and Mrs Jackson, Science Teacher, who moves to Gosfield School. Our thanks to both of them. We have also said hello to a familiar face, Mr Gardiner who is working with us in the Humanities team. I also need to inform you that Mrs Kirkwood, History Teacher, has decided not to return to the school following a period of absence. We wish her all our best wishes as she takes her next steps. If anyone would like to pass cards or messages on to her please do contact me and we will arrange forward delivery.

As ever please do contact me on VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk if you would like to discuss anything with me.

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