



Dear Parents and Carers,

5th February 2018

This is my last letter of this half term - one that has passed incredibly quickly. It marks us being half way through the academic year already!

This term has marked a lot of sporting activity with after school clubs and teams. We reached basketball county finals recently for Year 9 and came a very close second. This is on top of various volleyball, football and rugby fixtures. We are committed to strong extracurricular provision in PE and encourage as many of our students as possible to get involved.

We have been very pleased to see some of our scaffolding coming down and revealing our fantastic new windows from our building project. Our next steps include refreshing our main entrance and signage to give a new look to the front of school. I was really proud to talk to the project managers and builders who praised our students for excellent behaviour during the project, being safe and sensible at all times.

We continue with our project reading the book 'Wonder' and thinking of how important kindness is in our school and society. We are planning a family film screening in March at Cineworld and will let you know when tickets are available.

We wish our Year 8 students a fantastic trip to the battlefields Ypres this week, visiting historic sights and learning important lessons of World War 1.

This week also marks the centenary of women gaining the right to vote and we will be discussing this with students during tutor time and in assembly.

As always please do contact me if you have any concerns or would like to meet with me. My email is VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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