



Dear Parents and Carers,

11th February 2019

We are now heading towards our February half term, marking half way through the academic year. Time flies very quickly! We have seen a little flurry of snow, which has turned to some rain in the past week or so. Please can you try to encourage students to wear coats on top of their school uniform for their journey to school, gloves and scarves are encouraged too!

We have had some excellent sporting success this week with our Year 11 football team now through to the semi finals of the County Cup following a 6-1 home win. We also enjoyed basketball success for our Year 8 team and handball team. I really enjoy the wide range of sports that are available for our students to get involved in. Recently Mr Holder has trained in a new sport to us called KInball, we look forward to this becoming part of our repertoire!

I have the privilege of walking round school and popping in to lessons on a daily basis, and last week I particularly enjoyed seeing Year 11 food technology students working on their recipe development. It really did look like a masterchef kitchen, with a wide range of Asian themed dishes being developed and tweaked ready for their final practicals in March. The high level skills they were demonstrating was very impressive indeed.

Year 11 are sitting some prep exams this week - additional mock experiences in some subjects, designed to build confidence in examinations and enable students to see the excellent progress they have made since their last full prep exams in November.

I am looking forward to Year 7 musicals performance evening this week on Wednesday, where they will showcase their talents in performing arts to their families. These evenings always amaze me with the talent and high level performance that such young children demonstrate.

We have some vacancies at the moment on our website, please do have a look if you are interested. <https://www.castlemanor.org.uk/vacancies>. We are seeking a Teacher of Science, Teacher of Maths and a cleaning position.

As ever please do contact me on VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk if there is anything I can do to support you, or to arrange an appointment with me contact my PA, Mrs Gill Mitchell on GMitchell@castlemanor.org.uk

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