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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been the first week of Mock exams for Year 11, and we are so proud of how hard they have worked and the way they have applied themselves to their studies. The year goes by very quickly for them and they should really be commended for their attitude and support of each other.

This week a group of Year 10 students were lucky enough to visit Curwen Print Studios for their Art lessons, and had an amazing time. We are really proud of the links we have to local business and are always keen for more contacts. If you are involved in business locally that would be interested in supporting the school please contact me.

We have had improved attendance this term, but still have some illnesses in some year groups. Please can I remind you again to make sure you are contacting us promptly if your child is absent so that we know they are safe at home. This contact needs to be every day. You can call in and leave a message on the answerphone, email school on KDoBell@castlemanor.org.uk or LSamuels@castlemanor.org.uk or reply to any text that has been sent to you by the school. If this can be done before 8.45am this really helps our attendance team to focus on any students who are not where we think they should be and avoid any safeguarding issues.

Early next week I will be sending out a consultation document that Unity Schools Partnership is issuing to get parent views on the 2 week half term and whether we continue with this model. I had some really useful responses when I did a survey for Castle Manor straight after half term and would encourage you to respond and give your views.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, and as ever please do contact us if you need anything at all

Best regards,

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