



Dear Parents and Carers,

24th September 2018

I wanted to start by thanking you for your support in ensuring that your child is coming to school on time, well equipped and ready to learn, this term has started very well indeed and those great habits are being instilled in our students with your support and leading to excellent learning.

We enjoyed our Year 7 settling in evening and have Year 8 and 9 Kickstart evening this week on Thursday 27th September at 6.00pm. We follow up the week after with Year 10 and 11 Kickstart and pathways providers evening, where students and parents can explore the post 16 options open to students when they leave Castle Manor at the end of Year 11. This event is on Thursday 4th October at 6.00pm. Letters with more details will be coming home with your children.

Some of our students enjoyed an 'Operating Theatre Live' experience day last week where they had practical hands on experience of dissection and preparation for surgery, I am hopeful it will have inspired students into the medical profession and was really impressed with their commitment and learning.

We are approaching Open Evening which is on the 18th October at 6.00pm. It is the time of year when parents are making big decisions about where their child will choose to go for secondary school. If you have relatives and friends who are making this decision please do encourage them to come along to the evening and to contact us if they would like to come on a visit to the school during the school day. Our school is really growing in popularity with some year groups now full, which is incredibly positive and makes that choice even more important. If you have any feedback that you would like to give at any point about your experience as a parent at Castle Manor we would be really pleased to hear it. Please do email me on VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk, we like to know what is going well and what can be improved.

This week we look forward to hosting a town wide Cross Country event, on Monday, with many runners coming together to compete on our grounds. It is fantastic to see lots of young people getting involved in this annual event.

Finally we are looking for people to join our governing body, if you are interested please do email me.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks at the various events in school.

Yours sincerely,

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