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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a warm and sunny half term. This ParentMail is very similar to the one published in Ousenews, so if you have not had the chance, please take the time to read it and once again there are some outstanding pieces of work and performances from the students.

It has been an extremely busy half-term that has culminated with Year 11 and Year 13 departing us to go on study leave on Friday, 21st May. Year 11 enjoyed a last day of signing shirts and we were, for the first time in a long time, able to hold a leaving assembly and see them all together. Both year groups will be returning after half term for optional activities and a celebration day in June. We wish them all the best in the future and especially with the awarding of their grades in August.

After half-term we will start to return the school to normality and a comprehensive transition programme has been put in place for all year groups to allow students to enjoy some of the subjects they have missed out on recently. Hopefully, it will also signal the end of masks in school for students and we can start to prepare them, after a well-deserved summer holiday, for September. At present we have had only two positive cases but it is crucial students continue to self-test twice a week and take a test on Sunday, 6th June before they return to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Students continue to work hard and show plenty of resilience whilst studying under difficult conditions. One of the exciting aspects of next half-term will be the online Aspire programme. The programme aims to broaden and enrich students' knowledge even further in subjects they have not encountered before, so please encourage your sons and daughters to take part. There are new details in Ousenews regarding Edulink, the new parent app, and what information it will provide initially for parents/carers. A big thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and I do encourage parents/carers to support them where you can; again, more details on their Ousenews page.

Finally, you will have received an introductory message from the school's new Headteacher and many of you may remember Andrew Burton. He was the Senior Deputy Headteacher at Ousedale five years ago and I have already started working with him in preparation for September. It is a time of change but an exciting time for all as well.

So here is to some warmer weather, a breather for all over the break and lots of new activities and opportunities for all students to be involved in after half-term. Thank you for your continued support of the work that we are doing as a school.

Stay safe and healthy.

Regards



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