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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term I wanted to write to provide with an update from The Long Eaton School.

Staffing

At the end of this term Mrs Harrison, Mr Ephgrave and Mr Nevin will be leaving us. They have been fantastic colleagues to work with. They have put so much time and effort into their work with our students that I think it is only right that I publically thank them. I appreciate all they have done for our school and wish them the very best of luck in their new roles.

Non-uniform Day

Earlier in the term I was asked by our Year 11 students if we could hold a non-uniform day to raise money towards their end of year prom. I would like to support them with this. Therefore, on Friday 31st March we will hold a non-uniform day. We are asking students to pay £1 to support our Year 11 students, who alongside studying for their final examinations are working hard to organise their leaver's celebration. These are always a key part of the school calendar and I want to give them as memorable an experience as possible. I hope you understand this and can support us.

Catch Them Being Good

After half term we will be introducing our new rewards strategy 'Catch them being good'. All of our students are capable of doing great things, both in and out of school, and I want to raise across school the recognition for this. It is important our young people see that their efforts are recognised, appreciated and rewarded. I am looking forward to providing you with further details in the new term, and providing rewards and recognition to as many students as possible. I was able to start some of this last week by rewarding a group of Year 8 students, who had supported a member of the community whilst walking home from school. Their thoughtfulness, resilience and maturity were a credit to themselves, their families and our school, therefore it was only right to say thank you and well done!

Examinations

When we return after Easter, Year 11 and Year 13 students will be on count down to their final summer examinations. I have been so impressed with students in Years 11 and 13. They are working really hard. They approached their recent mock examinations so maturely. Many are working exceptionally hard and deserve every success for both now and in the future. Last week I was able to visit many Year 11 and 13 lessons and many students were buoyed by improvements they had made with their mock examination grades. These improvements are based on hard work from students and good teaching from teachers. A lot of effort goes in to this. We will continue to work hard to support our students in the lead up to their exams.

School Panto

Last week saw our panto – Alice in Wonderland. This was produced by Sixth Form students with little or no involvement, except supervision, from our staff. It was a wonderful effort!

It was great to see students from across all year groups involved. Their hard work, team work and professionalism was put on show for all to see. They were a real credit to the school. It is not easy performing on stage in front of an audience and I thought they did a fabulous job. If you came along to watch or supported in any other way – thank you.

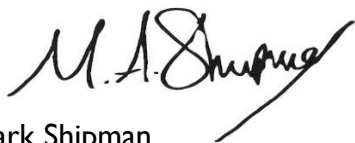
I have continued this half term to get to know more students and parents. I would like to thank you for welcoming me to your school. I am determined to provide the very best school for all students who attend The Long Eaton School. This way, when students leave us, they will go on to have the very best life chances.

It is a real privilege to lead this school and work with our staff on a daily basis. Equally, to try and support our young people to be the best they can be, is extremely rewarding.

I wish all of our students and families a restful and enjoyable break, and look forward to returning after Easter.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully
The Long Eaton School



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