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Dear Parent,

The weather has been a little frustrating this week. Hopefully, all of the rain will bring a great display of colour once the sun breaks through, the showers have affected the cricket matches. Please consult the College sport web page for up to date information from Mr Williams, Director of Sport regarding last minute changes to detail over the forthcoming weeks. Obviously, Mrs Leonard, Lower School Secretary is available too, should concerns arise.

The College had a CReSTeD inspection this week. This national body particularly focuses upon the quality of teaching and support present in College to develop pupils when they experience difficulties in their studies. It went very well indeed and no doubt the Headmaster will issue a statement regarding this in the near future.

We have a big week of exams and assessments next week and as you will imagine it has been very busy for the pupils. With exams in mind, we have reminded pupils to ensure they check over pencil cases and general equipment over the weekend period. The Year 7 and 8 pupils particularly, need to ensure that they have a calculator too. The exam period for KS3 is designed to gently begin to get pupils into the mind set for public examinations for the future and we treat the routine seriously but within perspective.

Mr Crawford is once again holding a Lower School Quiz complete with buzzers, picture rounds, music recognition rounds and masses of current affairs and general knowledge questions. Each House will be challenged to put together their brightest quiz team. The questions are tough and really do exhibit the intellectual breadth that many of our children possess! In addition, it is a great deal of fun!

Five choirs come together on Friday night this week, this is a lovely event. The Lower School Choir and individual pupils are due to perform to a packed and appreciative audience. Very well done to each member of the Lower School who will contribute on the evening! Many of the senior pupils have reached outstanding levels in their performances, a large number of those who were in Lower School only a few years ago! It just shows what hard work and dedication can achieve!

It is worth noting that the College holds an Art Exhibition during half term week. Details of times are in the white College Calendar. It is really worth a visit with extended families and friends.

It is also good to see a large number of pupils enjoying the College golf course. Mr Williams, Director of Sport, coordinates training sessions and rounds and pupils should make contact with him to arrange to learn the sport or to play a round. College will supply equipment.

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This weekend is very busy from a number of perspectives. The swimmers continue to perform at the West Midlands Championships. The tennis teams will compete in the Under 13 and 11 Prep Schools Tournament. We wish all of them well and look forward to hearing the results.

With regards to the Athletics Academy, please note that the days have now changed. Years 4 and 5 will now participate on a Wednesday and Years 6 and 7 on a Thursday. Should your child wish to join please collect a form from Mrs Leonard as this is a chargeable extra.

There are repeat return slips available once more for the Lower School Book Fair and helpers for Open Day. Many thanks for returning these to help with organisation for the children. Have a good weekend Yours sincerely, haran Owen Please return to Lower School office **LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR** Pupil's name...... Form...... Form..... may purchase a book(s): □ between £5 and £10 □ between £10 and £15 Signed...... **OPEN DAY** Name of pupil ..... will/will not (please cross out as appropriate) be available to help with Open Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

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Signed .....

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