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Dear Parent,

The College grounds are looking absolutely stunning, with trees displaying their full colour spectrum. As you know, the weather has been very mixed, but we like to have the children outside playing as much as possible. Parents and House Parents will have no doubt have seen that shoes get incredibly dirty at this time of year. It is worth a reminder that pupils do have time to change their play footwear and they should keep a spare set in their locker for this purpose. Similarly, on Monday we had a downpour of rain and a lot of soaked children moving between lessons, KS3 pupils especially require a rainproof jacket for school.

Pupils respected two minutes of silence at 11am today to note Remembrance Day at the College. Our thoughts were with those who served the Country. We also remember with respect those pupils and staff from the College community too. The usual, annual Sunday Remembrance Service takes place this Sunday 13th November starting at 10.50am.

Ms Rogers will be announcing the winners of the Academic Enrichment photograph activity in Assembly on Monday. There were fabulous entries across all year groups. We saw many creative skills in action. KS3 pupils had their first House debate this week. It was a lively event providing valuable life skills for the children.

We enjoyed some very outstanding speaking with Phillips receiving the winner's trophy! There were a record number of House points awarded last week. Heyward House came out on top by a narrow margin.

The pupils and staff in that House were delighted as they have held on for a couple of weeks now. The margins are getting closer though with the competition for top House of the term being very much an open debate!

It is wonderful to see a large number of pupils attending Communion Club on Tuesday tea times. Revd Gration has chosen many stimulating activities to stretch and challenge thinking. The pupils appear to really enjoy the sessions. Pupils should contact Revd Gration if they would like to join this group.

It was good to see the pupils looking smart in their uniform upon return after half term. This week we have had a number of lost property items. Please could parents regularly check that all items of clothing and equipment is clearly named. We can then ensure a swift return should the item become misplaced.

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Photographs were taken this week. We will share details of how to view those and how to make purchases as soon as Gillman and Soame give instructions to us.

There were some positive performances in Hockey and Rugby last weekend with successful results. The pupils enjoyed their games. Please feel welcome to come along to any home match, refreshments are served afterwards and it is a good way to touch base with other parents too!

As a note of reassurance, it is worth mentioning that we are still remaining firm regarding hand washing and hand sanitising. Thank you again for keeping any child who may be unwell at home during this winter phase. Should you have a medical worry, please do not hesitate to contact the College Sister Team.

Similarly, on any educational matter, the tutor is the first point of contact. General questions can be directed to Mrs Arrowsmith and Mrs Lowe, the Lower School secretaries. They will then link with the appropriate member of staff to deal with the specific concern.

The weeks are moving along quickly. There are some nice events planned for the children in the run up to the Christmas break. We are planning to take all pupils to the Pantomime in Shrewsbury and there are the Carol Services too. I will communicate with further details as we get nearer the time.

Kind regards and stay well. Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,