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Dear Parent,

There was a Remembrance Service at the flagpole this week. Moments of peace descended upon the whole College community as pupils held two minutes of silence. The sun shone, the wind blew gently up towards the terraces on a glorious Autumn scene and the whole affair was respectful and dignified.

Pupils have been once again out playing as much as possible in the fresh air this week. Please could all families ensure that each child has an outdoor coat, water bottle and mask (Years 7 and 8). In addition, a change of footwear is always a good idea. These items can be stored in personal lockers in order that carpets are kept clean and pupils are comfortable, should the weather become wet.

Mr Williams Director of Sport, asked me to remind parents that all Key Stage two boys should have shin pads and boots for football and Key Stage three boys should have a gum shield and boots for rugby. All girls should have a gum shield and shin pads for hockey. Pupils with long hair should have a swim hat for swimming too.

There have been some good sport results lately. The Girls' hockey team were successful and played well against Adcote School with the Under 13 Boy's rugby team having a strong and successful performance against Rydal College too.

Well done to Alfie Edwards who is part of the Year 7/8 Boys' tennis team. They have reached the National Finals (top 4 in the UK) to be played on December 4th and 5th at Bolton, having won the Regional Finals (Midlands) on Friday. The girls' Year 7/8 team also reached the Regional Finals on Thursday but then lost to Trent. They should be proud of their achievements, so congratulations to Sofie Glinos, Skye Thomas and Emily Males for performing well.

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It is wise to raise a few notes for your diary regarding the forthcoming weeks, which will fly past.

- The academic assessment week is in week 12 starting Monday 22nd November. The second period grade will follow on from that.
- We intend to take the whole of Lower School to the Pantomime on the afternoon of the 1st December, more details will follow.
- The Christmas tree lighting event will take place on Thursday 2nd December.
- The Carol Service date and format is still being considered by the Governors and Headmaster.
- The PE Department are holding a Rudolph Run on Tuesday 7th December in aid of Nightingale House charities. Mr Taylor has been nominated as the Sprinting Santa, to lead the way!

At the moment the College are assessing the way that these events may take place. Some may be forced to stay just for the children in school time, due to Covid restrictions. I will share information as it becomes clear.

There are both rugby and hockey fixtures this weekend, we hope that the weather stays fine enough for good play.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely