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Dear Parent,

It was nice to have an Exeat weekend which allowed the boarding pupils a break or to go home. It's a pity it was so soggy.

It has been good to see Chapel routines established and pupils have been enjoying a different style of Chapel service. Although with no singing at the moment, the services have been made stimulating by Reverend Gratton and they are also lots of fun. It is also good to see the Communion Club so well attended.

Dr Chatterjee asked me to mention a few things. Firstly, to remind all parents to please remain in cars when dropping off and picking up children. Should it be necessary for a child to leave early in the day, to attend an appointment etc, please telephone Mrs Leonard when you arrive and Mrs Leonard will bring your child out to you. In addition, please would parents of KS2 using the bus park for collection at the end of the day, time their pick up to allow a 'drive in and drive off' situation. We would prefer cars not **to park up** on the car park. Children will exit the buildings from 5.15pm after classes finish and coaches make their exit at 5.30pm. We will encourage children to be prompt to meet their parents.

Dr Chatterjee, the Deputy Head Pastoral, and Mr Williams, Director of Sport, have been working hard to put systems in place to allow a safe changing of games kit in changing areas. They are mindful that the weather is turning colder and wetter, therefore on games days a spare set of games kit will be required for pupils to change into.

Whist still with a focus on kit, it is still noted that some pupils do not bring a warm/waterproof coat to College. This is particularly important as the days become more changeable weather-wise. Pupils have sensibly worked through assessment week and the new pupils to College have taken these small snapshot assessments in their stride. It is useful for children to develop the skills required for more formalised settings and the teacher uses the outcome purely for benchmarking and information for the next phase of teaching.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Harry Liley, Bella Spencer-Blow, Isabella Moore, Cameron Parry, Hugh Cornwell and Chris Astbury on their respective successes with the online Junior Mathematical Challenge 2020. They are to receive their certificates in assembly on Monday.

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It is always a pleasure to receive updated news regarding our pupils and their events. Five Lower School horse riders went to Beaver Hall Equestrian Centre, on Sunday 4th October. Tilly Leonard represented College for the first time and as an individual made a brilliant effort in the 70cm class. Jake Stockton, Imogen Spencer-Blow, Bella Spencer-Blow and Oliver Loud made up a team for the 80cm class and the 90cm class. In the 80cm class, Jake came 1st (beating 44 other riders) and qualified for the NSEA championships at Addington. The team were placed 4th, overall. In the 90cm class, the team took 2nd place. Bella came 4th individually. The top 2 teams and top 4 individuals qualify for the NSEA championships, so all team members will qualify to represent the College at Addington. Well done everyone!

As a College, we were asked to support the Young Minds charity on Friday. In addition, it placed focus on our own mental health and wellbeing support group at the College (MHES). Pupils were asked to donate £2 and the theme was to wear something yellow. It was good to see the support the venture was given. I had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Williams, Director of Sport to Assembly on Teams on Monday. It was a good chance for the new pupils to see who Mr Williams was and he explained his role. He also outlined the many opportunities for sport/activity at the College with the most important message of the benefit of regular activity in the fresh air adding to wellbeing and promotion of positive mental health.

It was also a pleasure to mention that Harry Underhill and Isabella Moore are the newly appointed Deputy Head Boy and Girl for Lower School.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Yours sincerely,