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Dear parents and carers,

Year 7 parents' evening was a real pleasure with so many in attendance and such positive feedback. It is always fantastic to have so many parents attend such events to get feedback of their child's progress. It really does encapsulate our "working together" approach to educating your child.

The Trust has arranged a survey of parents of all schools that belong to TCAT. It is being managed and analysed by a company called Endurio who operate throughout the country. You are invited to complete the survey using the following link: <https://edurio.com/poll/02VDsu>

Year 11 mock exams have been running for a few days now, but it gets intense starting Monday. It is no coincidence that exams are right next to each other as it is a strategy to get students used to the pressure in preparation for the actual exams. We go through exactly the same routine leading up to exams in the KS3 canteen, again so it just becomes the norm for them. There is then a reassurance in going through the same process time and time again.

During ACE period this week our students have actively participated in impactful activities which have promoted online safety and digital well-being. This is in preparation to safer internet day next Tuesday 11th February. We explored key topics such as online privacy, cyberbullying, and responsible digital citizenship. As part of our learning, we participated in workshops that highlighted the importance of creating strong passwords, recognising phishing attempts, and maintaining a positive digital footprint. We also looked at strategies to promote kindness and respect in online spaces. We hope our students have reflected on their own internet habits and made personal pledges to contribute to a safer and more inclusive online environment.

We also welcomed the local police into school to discuss with all students the importance of online conduct and sharing inappropriate images. As I'm sure you will agree their insights and advice were invaluable in helping us understand the real-world consequences of our online actions and how to navigate the digital world responsibly.

Following on from the information in last week's newsletter regarding detentions, there is an additional Senior Leadership detention on Friday after school from 3pm to 4.30pm for those students who decide not to attend their normal detention. This is to make it fair to the vast majority of students that attend detention.

Reminder that a SLT surgery for parents and carers is available every Wednesday from 3.30 – 5.30. If you would like to speak to us about a concern that you feel has not been dealt with to your satisfaction, please make an appointment using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/sGjzbEHWCr>

**Attendance this week**

Monday	Year 11	97.27%
Tuesday	Year 10	96.18%
Wednesday	Year 7	97.6%
Thursday	Year 10	97.71%
Friday	Year 10	96.18%

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jim Nixon  
Headteacher

**Future events:**

- Friday 14 February - Break up for half-term
- Monday 24 February - School re-opens
- Thursday 06 March – Year 9 Parents' Evening