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Dear parents and carers,

The Year 8 Parents' Evening was very well attended on Thursday so my thanks to all the parents and carers who turned up. Attendance at such events is now significantly higher than previously which will benefit everyone involved not least the children themselves. Our focus is on their learning and any gaps in knowledge so you should expect a quality of education discussion rather than any general comments. This is just as important in year 8 as each year is a step towards achieving good outcomes. There was a real buzz in the hall, and I would like to thank parents for all their positive feedback. It was an excellent evening. Everyone seems to enjoy our new "future me" slides that are displayed throughout the evening, where students from the year group show what ambitions they have when they leave school. It has quickly become a popular feature of parents' evenings.

I was really pleased to see 60 year 11 students attend the English Masterclass session in the assembly hall after school on Wednesday. The class went on until 5pm and, when I dropped in a few times, I could see everyone working extremely hard. We are doing more of these sessions, where targeted work is done during ACE period, after school and at other times during the school. A lot of hard work is going on with year 11 at present including mentoring.

This morning, I attended Will's funeral at the Minster along with Debbie Taylor (Will's Pastoral Manager) and Andy Mason (Will's Tutor) representing the school. It was absolutely packed with mourners including quite a number from our school, as you'd expect. It was an incredibly moving event given how young Will was, but what was also noticeable was the support the family were receiving from the local community. The address, which were the words of Will's mum highlighted a number of memories and events since his birth, which showed what an incredible young man he was.

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 10	96.56%
Tuesday	Year 10	96.95%
Wednesday	Year 8	97.84%
Thursday	Year 11	94.14%
Friday	Year 7	92.4%

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

W/C Monday 27 January - Food Exams
Thursday 6 February - Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 7 February - Year 11 Poetry visit
W/C Monday 10 February - Year 11 Mocks start
Friday 14 February - Break up for half-term