



Dear Parents and Carers,

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

We find ourselves heading swiftly towards the end of term, and have had lots of events in the past week. On Friday we said our first goodbye to Year 11 with their Graduation celebration, an event that is always really enjoyable and tinged with sadness. We look forward to seeing many Year 11 at the Prom this week. Thank you to all who have donated spare uniform and PE kit to us, as well as revision guides and other books. We are always happy to pass these on to other students so do drop anything off that you no longer require.

Last week Year 9 took part in a Maths based 'Escape Room' challenge. They were fantastic, and the leader said that our winning team was the fastest he had ever seen! Some Year 9s also took part in a Growth Mindset workshop to really help them focus on their own individual goals and dreams and how to have the mindset to reach them.

On Friday we also celebrated our first 'Community Day' where students were involved in volunteering in our community and also the whole of Year 7 took part in a Community Litter Pick. We were very proud of all of the hard work that went in to the day.

This week we have Haverhill Heroes on Wednesday evening, where Year 7 have planned their own evening of entertainment and celebrating local heroes. I am looking forward to it very much.

Our annual sports day is on Thursday, and the weather forecast looks spot on- not too hot or cold, and hopefully no rain! Our new Sports Captains are arranging teams, with the hope that as many students as possible can participate. Our students have also been attending Primary School sports days to support as leaders, which has been lovely to see.

Do follow us on twitter @castlemanor to keep up to date with photos of all of the events we have in school.

In amongst all of these activities all yeargroups have been coping well with formal end of year exams, and working very hard towards these.

As we begin the last three weeks of the term and are planning for September, I'd be really interested to hear any feedback, either positive or negative, please do email me on [VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk) if there are things you think we are doing well and must not stop, or things we should be doing differently.

Yours sincerely,  
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