



Dear Parents and Carers,

12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

I wanted to start my letter sharing a fantastic accomplishment by one of our year 11 students this week. Rosina Canty was announced as one of the youth winners of the Institute of Technology photography competition, with her entry Ultra Precision. This is a fantastic achievement in this National competition and Rosina was awarded her award at a ceremony in London. Her award winning picture can be seen in this link <https://events.theiet.org/photo-competition/winners.cfm>

We were also delighted to see so many students attending the aspire USP careers fair in Haverhill on Thursday and congratulations to our catering students who provided fantastic catering for the event.

This weekend marked the 100th anniversary of the armistice and we have been proud to be involved in community events, including our year 7 learning about local war heroes and visiting their graves in the cemetery. There were many of our students involved parading in town representing cadets, guides and scouts on Sunday and I have had several emails to commend Castle Manor students for their professionalism and dedication.

Our value of being kind is being closely looked at this week as we all talk about Anti-bullying week and tutor time activities are centred around this. Kindness and decent human behaviour are such an important characteristic, supporting children to feel happy and safe. We do deal with issues in school where children can be unkind and where bullying does happen and I wanted to remind parents of the need to report any concerns to us. There are times when parents approach us very upset because they feel like nothing has been done about a particular situation and we find that we didn't know about it, so just a reminder that we are here and will take any concerns very seriously indeed.

We have Year 9 parents evening coming up on 22nd November, the first parents evening of the year having moved from Academic Tutoring Days following significant parental request. It is an opportunity to meet subject teachers and we would like to see every child coming to the evening, letters for booking appointments have been emailed home but please contact us if you have not received one.

Yours sincerely,

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