



Dear Parents/Carers,

13th May 2019

I am sitting writing this on a sunny Sunday afternoon, enjoying receiving messages showing our Duke of Edinburgh group out on one of their long walks, a perfect day for it! Well done to those young people involved and thank you to staff who are working with them.

As the weather has started to get better we have been able to open the field at lunchtime and have also unveiled new outdoor seating for use at lunch and breaks, providing more space for students to be in their break times.

We start written exam season with Year 11 this week. We have been so proud of their work in the practical exams and the lead up to these written exams. This time is very intense for students and we wish them all best wishes. We also have end of year exams approaching for all other yeargroups, timetables have been shared but can be found on our website linked here <https://castlemanor.org.uk/exams>

We were delighted to host Year 11 students from Newmarket Academy and Sybil Andrews Academy for Maths and English masterclasses in the last couple of weeks, working together with our staff and students to fine tune learning ready for exams.

We held a really lovely day to raise money for Cancer Research UK by wearing purple to school. Particularly impressive were the Year 8 students who ran a cake sale organised and run completely by themselves. This funding all goes towards the Relay for Life event that is organised by Mr Cianciola, a member of staff at Place Farm Primary Academy. Schools across our Trust have taken part in this fantastic event. If you are interested in getting involved in the event in July please see the link below https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR?fr_id=1885&pg=entry&gclid=CjwKCAjwiN_mBRBBEiwA9N-e_n7OubeHozpLFE2lFMKf-a91QMzagfmB0slvkr2MixcbqjBQXEDuZhoC0ZEQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds



[Relay For Life Bury St Edmunds](https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR?fr_id=1885&pg=entry&gclid=CjwKCAjwiN_mBRBBEiwA9N-e_n7OubeHozpLFE2lFMKf-a91QMzagfmB0slvkr2MixcbqjBQXEDuZhoC0ZEQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

relay.cancerresearchuk.org

Relay For Life is an inspirational community event which celebrates the lives of people touched by cancer and raises money for the vital work of Cancer Research UK.

We have Grant Skeggs our Local Schools Liaison PCSO coming in this week to talk about knife crime with our Year 8 and 9 students, following up on the County Lines drama performance that they saw just after Easter. We are pleased to be working with local police to share such important messages.

As always please do contact me if you would like to meet or raise any issues. My email address is VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk, and my PA, Gill Mitchell can be contacted on 01440 705501 or by emailing GMitchell@castlemanor.org.uk

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