



Dear Parents and Carers,

14th January 2019

We have had our first full week back at school and have settled well into the Spring Term. I hope that you had a good holiday period and that the New Year has started well.

I started our New Year with assemblies for all of our students where I talked about our vision; We work hard, we are kind, we are PROUD. Students reflected on this at the start of their New Year in school and I encouraged them to use this as a reflective tool on a daily basis to determine how they felt each lesson and day had been for them.

We have been delighted to welcome new teaching staff to our school, Ms Eyre, Mr Matthews and Mr Tyson are already settling in and making a very positive impact to our team and our students.

A reminder that there are a variety of after school clubs for students to get involved in. Ms Fagg has taken the lead in constructing our after school provision timetable and will be updating the website and sending the new schedule home this week.

We enjoyed an extremely positive Year 11 parents evening last week which was very well attended. I personally found it very valuable sitting with students and their parents and talking about their achievements and what they need to do next to keep on making progress and prepare confidently for their GCSE exams. This is a demanding time for Year 11 and if parents have any concerns at all please make contact with class teachers or tutors, as well as Mr Course as Year 11 Achievement Leader.

A reminder that our severe weather protocol is on our website (letter dated 10th December 2018) as there are some slight indications that we may have another 'Beast from the East'. We will do our very best to remain open in weather difficulties. Please can you also encourage your child to wear a coat as well as a blazer for their journey to school, a surprising number arrive rather chilly!

As ever please do contact me directly on VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk or by calling the school and arranging a telephone call or appointment via my PA, Mrs Mitchell.

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