



19th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another busy week for Year 11 with written mock exams. They have coped really well and have shown such support to each other too, which has been lovely to see. Thank you for all the work you are doing with them at home - exam seasons can bring tense times in family homes but everything you do to make sure they are prepared and ready has been very welcomed. We continue with their practical exams next week.

Thank you to everyone who has been making sure they contact us to let us know if children are absent. It has been a busy week as there do seem to be some bugs around, and it makes things much smoother and of course safer if we get prompt contact from you every day your child is off.

We are looking forward to our Musical The Addams Family in March. We are putting together a band to play the music and are looking for some musicians - if anyone plays the violin or piano or flute to a high standard and would be interested in offering your time please get in touch with Mrs Plunkett on CPlunkett@castlemanor.org.uk

Thank you to those who attended the Bugs or Butterflies workshop this week, we have had positive feedback and information that lots of families were able to join in. We also have a workshop that has been recommended related to Parent Mental Health Day, and is running in the evening of the 25th January, please see the link for more information <https://stem4.org.uk/parentmentalhealthday/>

Thank you to our Arbor Champions, we are hoping to launch the app to all parents before half term but at the moment are finding a few things out that we need to tweak.

I have attached Mr Hughes' latest culture of excellence newsletter for you, so that you can see clearly the work we are doing to support behaviour that supports learning. I have also attached our revised behaviour policy, there are a few tweaks to bring things in line with changes we have made, but nothing majorly different.

We have noticed more children wearing jewellery to school, including some very lovely and expensive Pandora bracelets. These items are not suitable for school and could easily get lost or damaged. Please can you make sure they are kept at home. Students may wear one small ring, one stud earring in each ear and no other jewellery is appropriate for school. This also includes nose studs. Items other than this will be confiscated and kept in our safe.

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Finally if you have any uniform at home that you no longer require and could be used by someone else please consider donating it to our school Happy Shed where we support students with uniform. We have currently got no blazers, and we can make use of anything that is in good condition.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

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