



Dear Parents and Carers,

29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

We return fresh and ready for the next half term ahead, one that has many events ranging from Year 11 mock exams to Christmas celebrations!

We enjoyed a very busy Open Evening on 18th October, with visitors from many different primary schools. A reminder for anyone with a child in Year 6 to ensure that you meet the deadline of 31st October. Applications can be filled in online at this link

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We said farewell at the end of the half term to Miss Cianciola who has gone on maternity leave and we wish her well. Miss Fagg will be taking on the Achievement Leader role for Year 10 during this maternity leave and can be contacted on [SFagg@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:SFagg@castlemanor.org.uk). We welcome Mrs Fraser who will be teaching Drama with us to cover Miss Cianciola's teaching commitment.

I have attached the enrichment after school club timetable, which is on the website, but I thought it good to send home too. I have really enjoyed walking through school after lesson times to see children really enjoying activities such as cheerleading, masterchef club and science club, amongst many others. Our PE team also are fantastic at running clubs and fixtures in local leagues for many sports, and we are progressing well in football fixtures currently.

We had a review from our Academy Trust towards the end of the term, leaders from the trust spent 2 days in school, immersed in the way our school works. They were very impressed with what they saw, children living up to our values, working hard, being kind and being PROUD. We were delighted that the recent league tables showed our GCSE results for 2018 delivering strong progress for the cohort and sustained good outcomes. Our students score +0.17 in their Progress 8 measure, which crudely means that every student in every exam scored 17% above national averages in terms of progress.

The clocks have turned back and the nights are drawing in. Please do talk to your child about their route home and travelling safely. We are also going to be talking about road safety and general personal safety in upcoming assemblies.

As always if you have any issues that you need support or clarification on, or just want to talk to me please do let me know, you can email me on [VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk)

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