



8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

How time flies! It is only two weeks until half term. So much has happened in these first few weeks but somehow it feels like such a short time too. It certainly feels like our Year 7 are very well settled and have always been with us.

Some of our students and staff represented Castle Manor Academy in Haverhill on Saturday at the parade for the start of the final leg of the Women's Tour. This event was due to take place during the first lockdown, so has been a long time coming and we were delighted to have the opportunity to be part of it.

I also heard this week about a wonderful young man in our Year 7, Lewis Garstang, who has been shortlisted for the Youth Kennel Club Young Person of the Year award. You can read about Lewis' very personal story and vote for him to win this award here <https://www.ykc.org.uk/content/for-members/young-person-of-the-year-award/> Please do support him, we are all very PROUD of him!

Our PROUD values are something that is very special in our school and I genuinely believe really give a strong 'backbone' to lots of the things we do in school and our decision making and that of our students. I was so delighted to hear about our Netball team this week very naturally using our PROUD values in their team motivation talk this week, with no prompting from staff. Do consider taking time at home to talk to your child about our PROUD values, I would be very interested to hear what they say they mean to them.

It is really important for us to know your views and use them to continue to improve our school. I would be really grateful if you could take time to fill in this survey which we will do termly throughout the year. We will feed back to you the results of the survey and how we have implemented change in response to it.

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Can I just end by thanking you for your continued support and work with us, it makes such a difference to be able to work together. If you have any feedback about the way we are communicating with parents I would also be really pleased to hear from you. I am particularly wanting to gauge the response the communications we are giving about regularly about COVID cases and any changes to advice given as I know this can be a source of anxiety, but I equally don't want to under communicate too! Please do contact me on [VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk) if you have any concerns or feedback.

Have a really good week.

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