

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I would like to begin by sincerely thanking you for the many messages of support I have received following my recent appointment as substantive Principal. Your kindness and encouragement mean a great deal, and I am truly grateful.

I am delighted and deeply honoured to have the opportunity to lead this incredible school. I remain fully committed to working in close partnership with our dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and you, our parents, carers, and wider community, to ensure that our school continues to thrive. Together, we will keep building a flagship school: one where students achieve excellent academic outcomes, but also grow in character, confidence and ambition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who attended our first Parent and Community Forum. It was a genuinely positive event and a valuable opportunity to listen to the views and experiences of parents and members of our local community. As shared at the forum, we have made the decision to continue keeping the community entrance to the school open. We are also committed to making every effort to work with the Highways Agency and local council to raise ongoing concerns around the speed limit outside the school and congestion at peak times. We would greatly appreciate the support of our wider community in helping us campaign for improvements that will make access to our site far safer for our students.

Thank you to parents and carers who have nominated their children for our *Character Caught in the Community* awards. It has been wonderful to read about the many ways our students are contributing positively beyond the school gates. I am very much looking forward to meeting with some of our nominees this week to celebrate their achievements and recognise the fantastic role they play in our wider community.

I would also like to take a moment to celebrate our Year 11 students for their outstanding conduct, maturity and effort throughout the recent mock examinations. They approached this important period with real determination and focus, and we are exceptionally proud of them. To mark their hard work we drew our Golden Ticket draw winner where one of our incredible Year 11 students was rewarded with an iPad.

A huge well done must also go to our PE team for their continued hard work and dedication in offering such a rich and varied extra-curricular programme. This year alone, Campion students have taken part in 63 fixtures, and the team provides an average of 14 hours per week of clubs and training opportunities. Well done to all of our students who have proudly represented Campion, you have shown fantastic commitment to your teams and clubs.

I would like to give a special shout-out to the cast of *Matilda*. Their dedication to what has been an incredibly busy rehearsal schedule is truly impressive, and we are immensely proud of their commitment. A heartfelt thank you to our Performing Arts team as well, who continue to offer a

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wide range of extra-curricular activities alongside their tremendous work on the production. We cannot wait to see all of your hard work come to life on stage in February.

There are so many student achievements to celebrate, and I promise that we will give these the attention they deserve in our *Campion Chronicle*, which will be published before we break for the Christmas holidays. For now, I just want to say how incredibly proud I am of all of our young people and the way they continue to beat our Green Point targets. It is brilliant to see them being recognised and rewarded for their hard work and for demonstrating our school values. Keep up the good work, Team Champion!

Finally, please note that the school will be **closed on Friday 28th November and Monday 1st December**. We look forward to welcoming all students back into school on **Tuesday 2nd December**. Wishing all of our students a lovely long weekend.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I look forward to the exciting work ahead and to continuing our journey, together, as a community.

Yours sincerely



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