

Monday, 31st March, 2025

Dear families,

Re: End of Spring Term

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the school. The term has been eventful to say the least, with pupils participating in careers, drama, art, English, and exam stress workshops; gallery, theatre and museum visits; chess tournaments, field trips, debates, maths challenges and World Book Day, alongside regular sports fixtures; all this in addition to the great teaching and learning taking place in classrooms every day.

Pupils and staff have now settled well into our newly-embedded routines, with smoother lesson transitions and a calmer, more focussed, disruption-free learning environment in classrooms. Teachers have been working hard this year, experimenting with a range of techniques to check for pupil understanding, with learning walks and pupil voice indicating that this is having a positive impact on pupils' daily experience. Pupils are learning the importance of no hands up to afford the whole class the opportunity to consider their teacher's question and develop a response.

Please look out for our termly newsletter which will be shared with families at the end of this week, giving you more information on some of our highlights this term.

Progress reports will be issued to year 8 and 11 pupils this week, in support of final exam preparation and year 8 parents' evening, which has been rescheduled for 24th April. Reports for years 7, 9 and 10 will be issued before the May half-term break.

On **Friday 4th April**, pupils will attend registration and periods 1 to 5 as usual, with dismissal at the earlier time of **1:30pm** to allow staff to attend an end-of-term review meeting. All pupils will return to school on **Wednesday 23rd April** for an **8:40am** start.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Onyelekere
Headteacher