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Dear Parents/Carers,

I started my week with a lovely email from an employee at Cheddar Gorge, one of the venues our Year 7s visited last Friday. She wanted to let us know that several members of the public had spoken to them throughout the day to compliment the conduct and manner of our students. It is always a proud moment for the school when our students are praised for their behaviour in public, and I was thrilled to hear how highly they were spoken of during their day out.

On Thursday, as part of National Science Week, I was delighted to see students from both our school and our feeder schools take part in the 'St. Crispin's Science Fair'. The event, organised by some of our Student Leadership Team, offered a great opportunity for young people to explore key concepts in Science and show off their practical skills.

This week I have also started a programme of visiting subject areas to fully understand our students' experience across the entire curriculum. It has been invaluable to see students in full flow with their learning, and to chat to them about what is going well and what we can do to improve.

As previously communicated, we have spent the past few days informing students of the upcoming changes to the bell system in an attempt to improve punctuality to lessons. We are introducing five new bells into the school day from Monday 17th March. Further information will follow.

I write to you today as I attend a national conference for School Leaders on the future of our education system. It is important that we understand the national educational landscape and the impact that Government policy could have on our school as well as each individual student. During the day, I have listened to the Education Secretary and the Chief Inspector of Ofsted. Each government has new initiatives and ideas that they bring to the table based upon their own ideology and as Headteacher, it is important that I ensure the impact of these on our young people is carried out in a timely and effective manner to ensure that they continue to receive the best possible education and support. I have also had the opportunity to listen to leaders in educational research who have provided valuable evidence-based insights on how we can ensure young people are kept safe, happy and able to secure the best outcomes in 2025.

Although it has been good to hear from the sector leaders today, I have missed being at St. Crispin's and I look forward to getting back to school on Monday!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Peter Griffiths
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