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Year 8 Spring Newsletter Feb '24

Dear Parents and Carers

This may have been a short half term, but it has been packed with activity and hard work for Year 8.

I would like to congratulate all the Year 8 students for their focus and positive attitude to learning and for living our core values. The year group has amassed an incredible 8363 house points this term with 8AR bringing in the most points with 1835. That's an average of 65.5 house points per member of the group, which is a wonderful achievement.

Last week we marked Holocaust Memorial Day in our assemblies and tutor times. We took time to reflect on this devastating point in history and reminded ourselves of how important it is to stand against injustice and prejudice. It was great to see the students engage fully in this memorial and to share their thoughts in discussions during the week.

This theme is carried through the narrative of 'West Side Story', which also throws a spotlight on the callousness of racism and prejudice of any kind. This year's production of this dramatic musical is sure to leave its mark on how we relate to each other in our College, our community and in the world at large.

Performances of 'West Side Story' have started and many Year 8 students are involved in this, not only as actors, but as dancers, backstage crew and lighting and sound technicians. We are thoroughly enjoying the production and agree how wonderful our students are.

Twelve of our Year 8 students were awarded a place to attend the upcoming SATRO Fest at American Community School, Cobham on 20 February. The students will enjoy a highly interactive day designed to raise engagement in STEM subjects. I would like to congratulate these students on their brilliant achievement.

Our second assessment fortnight is taking place between 26th February and 8th March. Students should be preparing themselves for these by undertaking thorough retrieval and recall (revision) practice. The half term provides an ideal opportunity to practice balancing this and relaxing.

We would like to hear from all parents/carers and get your view on how we can strengthen engagement and communication. If you haven't had a chance to already, we'd really appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete a short survey <https://forms.gle/EMjEGgsoH6SZgimd7>

I look forward to seeing many of you at the College production this week and I wish you a very good half-term.

Kindest regards,

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