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Dear Parent/Carer,

I will be sending another newsletter before the end of term, however I wanted to take this opportunity to update you before the half term break on a number of news items before the half term break.

We have had a busy end to the term, last Friday we were privileged to have a visit from the Baroness Barran MBE. The Minister was incredibly impressed with the students she met and the opportunities we offer our students. On Monday, most students had sessions arranged through Higher Horizons entitled Aim a Little Higher to raise their aspirations and ensure that students believe that they can reach their potential. Kamal Hyman was truly inspirational. On Wednesday, we also welcomed Year 5 & 6 students from our feeder schools for the ASCC Football Competition. Congratulations to the winners at St Gregory's – we look forward to all those students joining us in the future.

Clearly the last two years since the start of the pandemic have been a challenge to all of us in ways which were unimaginable two years ago. I am hopeful that after half-term we will begin to see a return to a less disrupted school life. It is clear that there will be public examinations in the summer and going forward. Year 11 Mocks begin on Monday 7th March as do assessments for years 7-10. Year 13 mocks begin on Monday 14th March. It is important that students revise thoroughly so staff can address misconceptions and gaps in knowledge following the mocks/assessments.

As a reminder, students should not arrive before 8.30am, at which point they should move straight to their zones. Please be reminded that, for the safety of our students, cars **must not come on** to the school site for student drop off / pick up unless there is a medical exemption and permission is granted from the office. Unfortunately, the gates were damaged recently but these will be fixed in the next few weeks and will be back to being operational.

Finally have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing all our students after half-term.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher

