



Dear Parents

As we prepare to wave off most of our Secondary students for a week of adventure and service during Project Week, we have been enjoying the final fundraising activities in school. Myriad bake sales have this week been surpassed by a plethora of Halloween activities including a Pumpkin Carving competition, a Halloween raffle, and on Friday our Halloween activities culminate in the fancy dress day. Although we have said that students can come in normal clothes too, we are hoping that many of our students will enter into the spirit of things and come dressed in (school-appropriate) Halloween costumes.

Yesterday morning I was delighted to attend a fruitful meeting with our Class Reps from across the whole school. It was really good to put names to faces and get together with our parents to talk about a whole range of topics. As ever, we only had a limited amount of time to meet, but nevertheless managed to cover quite a number of issues relating to Secondary, and your Class Reps will soon have a copy of the minutes of this meeting to share. I plan to arrange occasional 'touch base' meetings with the Secondary Class Reps, and will let you know the suggested date of the next meeting in due course.

Yesterday evening we hosted the 'Into IGCSE' evening for students moving from Year 9 into Year 10 next August. This evening marks a key point in their decision-making for their future learning pathway, and it was really good to see so many families in attendance. The presentation and key documents relating to this event will be on the school website by early next week for easy reference.

Following the wonderful performance of our netball girls in SISAC last weekend, we are hoping for an equally impressive performance from our ACAMIS Netball and Rugby squads this week. If you are able to come along to support them at some point during Friday or Saturday, I know they would really appreciate it. Good luck, Tigers!

Please note that, as I have mentioned previously, we will move to our **Winter Uniform** when students return from Project Week, on Monday 9 November.

I wish all our students and staff a wonderful Project Week, and all our parents a peaceful week whilst their children are away! Please do remember, however, to make sure that we know how to contact you in an emergency – our risk assessments are extremely robust and we have the highest levels of confidence in all the providers we use to support these trips and activities, but accidents can happen, and there is nothing more frustrating for our trip leaders than to have a child who needs their parents, and we are unable to contact them.

With best wishes

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