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Dear parent

We are now half way through the Spring Term and I would like to update you on our progress.

I hope you have had a chance to read our first edition of the College Magazine. The magazine will be published every half term with a different focus in each edition. The first edition included a focus on Hawkins House. This House has been named after Alice Hawkins who has received significant publicity in recent weeks. This was a timely article as we celebrate 100 years since women were granted the right to vote. Students from Hawkins House have taken an active part in celebrating this and will form part of the BBC's Inside Out programme which goes out on Monday 12th February. If you have not yet seen our College Magazine, then please visit <http://www.clcc.college/college-news/clcc-magazine-issue-1/>



Mrs C. Aitcheson,
Acting Principal

You will be aware that we are working hard to ensure behaviour at the college is good. In the first term the college embedded a new behaviour system based on de-escalation techniques and the use of consistent language and rewards. In the New Year we introduced a central College Detention system for students who fail to meet our expectations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students and parents who have been supportive in the implementation of this system. The vast majority of students are consistently meeting our expectations and the top merit earners have been treated to a special thank you. It is delightful to see so many of our students engaging with their learning and making a positive contribution to the ethos of the college.

Can I also please remind you of the following:-

1. **Term dates 2017/2018** (<http://www.clcc.college/term-dates/2017-18/>).
2. **Term Dates 2018/2019** (<http://www.clcc.college/term-dates/term-dates-2018-19/>). Please note that these may differ from Leicester City dates and other local authorities so please ensure you are clear about our term dates before booking any holidays.

3. Student safety - Fire Evacuations, Lockdown Procedures.

Every half term we successfully carry out a fire evacuation drill. Next half term as well as a fire drill we will be carrying out a practice lockdown. The practice lockdown will replicate the College's procedure of protecting students in the unlikely event of an intruder or intruders who are likely to cause harm entering the College site. As part of this procedure students will be kept in their classrooms and not allowed to leave until the drill has been completed. In order for us to properly replicate a scenario where such a procedure will be needed, as with our fire evacuation drills we will not be informing staff, students or parents beforehand with the day and time. In order to alleviate any potential fears, I can inform you it is our intention to carry out the drill in the latter part of next half term.

4. Student safety – students on bikes.

We actively encourage students to ride to college if they can. We have recently had a number of concerns from member of the public about the risks some students are taking when riding their bikes to college. Could you please reiterate to your child the need for extreme care when riding their bikes. Also, all bikes should be road worthy, riders are recommended to wear a helmet and suitable clothing to ensure they are visible. Bikes must be locked up while on site and are brought onto site at the owners own risk.

5. **Uniform reminder** - No facial piercings are allowed. Earlobe stretchers and bars are NOT permitted.

6. Year group specific information

Year 11	Next half term will be a very busy one as we move towards exam season and revision programmes are put into place. In order to help Year 11 parents support students with revision, we will be running a session on <u>February 28th starting at 6pm</u> which will include specific guidance on supporting students in revising for English, Maths and Science GCSEs as well as more general tips on revision strategies. Mrs Howe (Head of Lawrence House) will be sending out more information about this but if you are a Year 11 parent then we would encourage you to come along.
Year 10	Year 10 students are fast approaching the fabulous opportunity of work experience from Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th May so please ensure your child has a placement. Parents' Evening is on <u>Thursday 22nd February</u> .

Year 9	Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening have taken place and students should now be carefully considering their option choices. Should any further advice be required students and parents should contact the tutor in the first instance. The deadline for return of options forms is <u>28th February</u> .
Year 7 and 8	Year 7 and 8 should now be well settled into the routines of secondary school life but still need to make sure they are reading every evening, learning spellings set each week by their English teacher and revising their multiplication facts. Year 8 Parents Evening takes place on <u>Thursday 15th March</u> .

Once again, thank you for your support and I would like to wish you an enjoyable half term break.