Witchford Village College

Imagine, Believe, Achieve

18 January 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer

May I take the opportunity in my first letter of the year to wish you all a happy New Year.

This new half term is important in a number of ways in the fact that most of the students face their second formal assessment point. For our Year 11 students, it is their final opportunity to complete formal style mock examinations in exam conditions. We will be working them hard over the next few weeks, and ask that parents support this in ensuring they are fully focused towards these examinations.

Last week Mrs Wright launched our new whole school 'Commitments' programme to students and staff. The ten 'commitments' encourage students to move out of their comfort zone and receive acknowledgement for existing and new activities and challenges that they do outside of lessons and in their personal lives. These not only challenge and develop them personally, but are also useful things to discuss during interviews in future employment or educational settings.

This week students have been involved in a number of activities and opportunities. On Thursday a number of Year 9 students visited Anglia Ruskin University, to have a peak at what life as a university student is like. They visited a number of areas of the university, and attended a career's fair and various seminars. Also on Thursday we welcomed Doctor Sophie Wilson from 'Speakers for Schools' who led a very instructive discussion on ICT design and computing. Students from Years 10 and 11 Triple Science and Computer Science asked a range of questions in relation to her career and potential career opportunities in the industry.

Students who completed the recent SPARK survey and indicated an interest in the arts have been invited today to attend a visit to Sony Music headquarters in London. This also includes a visit in the afternoon to the filming of an episode of Britain's Got Talent! More details will follow in the next letter home.

Finally we are asking all parents/carers to complete a new parental survey. This is phrased in exactly the same way as one when I joined in June, and will allow us assess and update our strategic planning, based on feedback from parents about your thoughts in relation to the College and the journey it is on. Please click on the following link to access the survey, which needs to be completed by Friday 25 January 2019.
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6RhkhoHBGky_bXW7Pm1P5bkjpoS-g3NPiAV6wmktoc1URDZZMEI4WFBXQkY4SElIVTdERjdDTEtSUC4u

Yours faithfully

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