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Dear Parent / Carer

We have had an extremely busy two weeks, with a number of events taking place both inside and outside of College.

On Thursday 14 March we marked 'Pi' day. Students and staff were challenged to memorise Pi to as many decimal places as possible. George Henderson in Year 11 smashed the College record and recited Pi to 1,110 decimal places; a feat that puts him 134th in the world.

Friday 15 March saw the return of Comic Relief. A number of events took place to raise money for the charity including face painting, and counting the sweets. Mr Armour beat me into second place in the 'welly wanging' competition, something which will not do his promotion prospects any good at all! At the end of a great day, we raised a total of £750.

The College had great success in the recent robotics competition. Two teams of Year 8 students competed against 200 other students from around the country. Team 'Creative Covern' made the semi- finals and collected the innovation award, whilst team 'Metalicompniforce', produced a great performance as well. A huge 'Well done' goes to both teams.

Next week is the Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening; appointments can be booked online as normal.

School renovations continue to take place, and we are really grateful for the work that the whole site team are doing. We will be looking to the areas that we will be revamping next, and will be consulting students about this in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, a plea to all parents and carers. I wrote a couple of weeks ago about the issues we are having on occasion in College, regarding students use and abuse of social media and the internet in general. I would like to ask all of our parents and carers if they know what their son or daughter has on their phone or the content they are accessing. As a parent of a Year 8 student myself, I am aware it is a minefield out there, however, it is equally challenging for students to navigate as well. The NSPCC has some good advice via their website which can be accessed via: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Yours faithfully

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