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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Parental Update 7

A very busy week again in school with 2 Parental Information evenings (Years 7 and 10), a meeting of the Parent Reference Group, a visit from Carmel College to see our Year 11s, our Year 7-10 Pastoral Parental Meetings, our 1719 Society were on retreat at Kintbury, several rugby tournaments and our various student leadership groups have been planning and developing their work for next half term. I was also at the Lasallian Headteacher Conference and will be heading down to Kintbury later today to celebrate 50 Years of the Lasallian retreat centre, St Cassian's, this weekend.

Looking ahead to the final week of the half term and it is another busy one: we have our second Formation Week of this academic year – with plenty of opportunities for our students and staff to receive formation, we have flu vaccinations for those who have given consent, a Year 11 Graphics trip and Year 11 reward trip, a Governors Personnel Committee, Year 11 Parents' Evening and a Year 8 and 9 Girls Football 'She Inspires' Festival. In addition to all this, we are honoured to be the only Lasallian School in the District to be visited as part of the Brother Superior's visit to GB, Ireland and Malta – I will need to get the duster out!

### Whole School Focus – CSI Inspection

The Catholic School Inspection (CSI) in England is a formal review process that evaluates how well a Catholic school upholds and promotes its Catholic values, faith, and teachings. These inspections are overseen by the Catholic Church in partnership with local dioceses, and they take place alongside standard school inspections like those from Ofsted.

CSI focuses on three key areas:

- **Religious Education (RE):** It examines the quality of religious instruction, ensuring that children are receiving a comprehensive and engaging education in Catholic teachings, scripture, and Church traditions.
- **Catholic Life of the School:** This looks at how the school fosters a strong Catholic ethos. It includes the school's sense of community, how it promotes values like compassion, respect, and justice, and how it integrates prayer, worship, and participation in the sacraments into everyday school life.
- **Spiritual and Moral Development:** Inspectors assess how well the school supports the spiritual growth of students, helping them to develop a strong moral compass grounded in Catholic teachings. This includes how students are encouraged to live out their faith through actions, behaviour, and involvement in the wider community.

For parents, CSI offers insight into how well the school is nurturing their child's faith, while also ensuring a strong academic foundation. It ensures that the Catholic identity of the school is being actively lived out and maintained.

The CSI is relatively new and we have not yet been inspected under the new framework, our last inspection was in 2018 under the old Section 48 framework. We expect our first CSI inspection to take place at some point this academic year and work is well underway in preparation for it.