Friday 29 October

I hope all our students, parents and carers enjoyed the half-term break. 58 students from Year 11 to 9 returned safely and having thoroughly enjoyed their residential art trip to Amsterdam. Students visited an array of galleries, from the Van Gogh to the modern Stedelijk Art Museum, seeing some contemporary and traditional works of art. Students completed workshops of their own during their stay and I am sure that the visit will have inspired them in their own work.

This week, Year 11 Geography students undertake their fieldtrip, practicing skills that are examined in the final summer examinations. These trips bring their learning to life and give students and staff opportunities to work in a different setting.

On Tuesday we look forward to meeting with parents and carers of Year 11 students, at their Parents' Evening, strategically placed a few weeks before the mock examinations begin, so that they know what they need to do to readiness for this first assessment of where there are in readiness for the summer.

As the nights draw in we remind all students to wear appropriate clothing to school, wearing coats to keep warm but also staying visible, especially as they walk to school.

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