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Dear Parents and Carers

I has been lovely this week to see so many of our students acknowledged at the Rewards assemblies for Years, 7, 8 and 10. The other two year groups will have theirs next week. The vast majority of our students get it right day in, day out and it is right that their efforts are rewarded. They are an absolute credit.

When a former HMI was visiting classes earlier in the week he commented that behaviour and attitudes were 'Good in quality. Pupils were keen to learn and responded to teachers' questioning. Of particular note was the mature attitude in which Year 9 pupils approached the sensitive work on image sharing.' This confirms our own quality assurance that behaviour in lessons, apart from a small minority is good. Our young people have every chance to learn and take it.

### Year 11

We now have only 8 school days before the start of written exams. This week we have had the Art exam; exam performances in Drama and Dance and GCSE PE moderation of the practical element. Next week we have spelling tests in modern languages – so in reality the exam season has very much begun. Year 11 students should be using every opportunity to revise or attend intervention and exam preparation has to be their number one priority. I really encourage you to support them in this – ensuring they are revising, using time well but also supporting them emotionally during this stressful time.

I remind you that there is no 'study leave' as there was a few years ago. Each student will have a personalised timetable of exams, exam preparation classes or normal classes. As exams proceed and subjects are completed I will inform you of any change in these arrangements.

Please can you ensure that students arrive in good time for exams and are in full school uniform.

### Mental Health

This week we welcomed two new NHS staff who will work in school on a Monday and Tuesday providing mental health support. This is part of an NHS funded project which has been rolled out across Fylde and Wyre. This will provide an extra layer of support in school for some students who are experiencing challenges but it remains the case that there is a long waiting list for CAMHS for young people facing more complex challenges.

### Carr Hill in Parliament

You may be aware that the local MP Mark Menzies asked a question of the Secretary of State for Education in Parliament on Monday. He was asking about capital investment in our school to improve the buildings in response to a letter I had written to him. We look forward to continuing this conversation with Mr Menzies when he visits the school on 12 May.



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I hope you and your families have a very enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. Please do not forget that there is further industrial action on Tuesday 2 May and so only Years 8 and 11 will be in school. I attach an alternative timetable for those at home if there is no work on Synergy.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Waller', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Waller  
Headteacher