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Dear Parents / Carers,

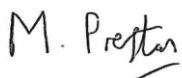
We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. This week, it was my pleasure to welcome our returning students back to Barnwood Park, and also welcome our new Year 7 cohort. We understand how nerve-racking starting secondary school can be for new students, but also the anxiety that some returning students in our older year groups will feel after such a long break. With this in mind, our staff inset days were heavily focused on how we can support our students to feel a sense of belonging in school.

During assemblies this week on Wednesday and Thursday, we asked students to think about their goals for the year, and were also proud to inform our students of how well our outgoing Year 11 intake did in their GCSEs. We re-emphasised the school's values of 'Ambition, Determination, Success', but also asked students to think about what other traits they need to develop to set themselves up for success. On Friday, students returned to normal lessons, and I have seen some excellent work across many different subjects, some of which is present in the attached photos. I have been so impressed with the excellent behaviour students have shown around the school this week, which we will reward students for when we launch our virtual rewards' assemblies on a Friday in the coming weeks.

Please also see the following key dates for this term:

08.09.2025	17:30	Meet the Headteacher Evening
09.09.2025	17:30	Year 10 Information Evening
15.09.2025		School Photos (Y7, Y10, Y11)
25.09.2025	17:30	Y11 Information Evening
01.10.2025	09:15 to 11:15	Open Morning (booking required)
02.10.2025	09:15 to 11:15	Open Morning (booking required)
02.10.2025	18:00 – 20:00	Open Evening
10.10.2025		KS3 Cheltenham Literature Festival
w/c 13.10.2025		Year 11 PPEs
22.10.2025		Chelsea's Story

Yours sincerely



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