



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another busy, all be it short term draws to a close, I look back on just how much has been achieved. Perhaps one of **proudest moments** this term came from an unlikely source; a supply teacher who hadn't visited us in a few years who knocked on my office door and exclaimed "this place is amazing. The students are so kind and helpful; they really want to learn. You can just get on and teach them..... you can't say that everywhere I go". A small but **proud moment indeed**, and I extend my thanks to the students whom he encountered that day who embodied our mantra, 'Be Kind, Aspire, Persevere, Achieve'.

- Year 11 continue forward with **significant momentum** and have excelled further this week through commencement of their **core mock exams** in the sports hall. Further tweaks and refinements to our processes have ensured students felt **supported to achieve their very best**. The compromise has been an out of action sports hall for 4/5 days, and in true Maidenhill spirit, I thank our PE department for being so accommodating and for supporting our students in a broader sense to receive the best possible preparation ahead of the real thing in the summer.
- Our planned **site works** have now been shared with students via my assembly last week and they're both ambitious and considerable to say the least. Brand new **toilet blocks** will soon be installed in our main corridor; our **Food and Nutrition** room will be totally rebuilt and relocated with new spaces made for several modern new classrooms; a project to deliver a **giant canopy** with seating for 150+ to provide further outside shelter is taking shape; and we're in the process of procuring a **modern new website** to ensure our good work is shared with our wider community in the best way possible.
- Our **activities week**, which is the most ambitious of its kind I'm am aware of for a state school, has received a **hugely popular reception**. It will most certainly be a site to behold as 170 children descend upon and sell out 'air hop'; and that's before midday on the first day! Celebrating students who attend well and make great choices every day will remain a priority. Whilst we've entertained a few late commers and changes to choices, no more changes will now be made so as to allow us to focus on delivering quality experiences students will love. I'm also very grateful to our Student Leaders who will return to support.
- Our ambition for every Year 10 student to embark upon **Work Experience** in the summer term is most certainly taking shape with 80%+ of students having either confirmed or nearly confirmed placements during the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Clements has been unrelenting in his drive to ensure all students receive such a valuable experience of the world of work.

Finally, as I write, we wish the students on our Berlin and ski trips who departed this morning 'Godspeed' and thank the many staff willing to give of their time to make such incredible opportunities happen. We look forward to hearing all about your travels in Term 5.

Enjoy the Easter break. Take care, and we'll see students back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

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