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Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Update 88

Welcome to another edition of our fortnightly parental *Update*. As I type, the last students have just left our site and we can begin our Easter break – a chance for some rest and recuperation for students and staff alike, and an opportunity to relive those history-changing events in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. Our Muslim friends (including a number of students in school) are marking Ramadan too at the moment – Ramadan Mubarak!

Spring Concert

Wow! It's not often I'm lost for words, but I was on Wednesday evening after our Spring Concert. If you were able to join us I'm sure you'll doubtless have been blown away too – not just by the standard of those who took to the stage, but by the sheer breath and variety of what was on offer. Students from every year-group (and staff!), solo items, ensemble items, and a wide array of genres too – the range was astonishing, especially given how hard live music has been hit by the pandemic. My deepest thanks to Miss Smith and her team, and to all the students who participated in any way, for such a memorable evening! Wow – again!

Year 11

An important letter about GCSE arrangements went out to all Year 11 parents yesterday, and a copy will shortly be on our website too. Please do sign up if you'd like to be part of our Easter Revision School, which starts this coming Tuesday (12th April).

Consultations

Thank you to those who have responded to the two consultations in the last *Update* (and apologies for the misprint in the date – the extra proposed INSET day would be on Friday **24th** June). We'll feedback on the consultation and the subsequent decisions in our next *Update*.

Reminder

Today marks the start of the Easter break; students return at the normal time on **Monday 25th April**. Next term's dates are as follows: Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday; the week beginning Monday 30th May is half-term week; and we break up for the summer on Thursday 14th July.

Finally

Our next *Update* is due to be sent out on Friday 6th May. In the meantime, I wish all St Margaret's families a reflective, restful fortnight ahead.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Brierley
Principal.