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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's update.

It has been a particularly busy and enriching week across a number of areas in school. In assemblies, we marked Careers Week, welcoming a range of guest speakers who shared valuable insights into the world of work. Among them was our own Mr Wilkinson, who delivered an engaging and inspiring talk about his journey from university, through PhD research, into industry, and ultimately to his role as a Science teacher here at school.

Continuing with our focus on Science, we were delighted to host a representative from the National Space Academy on Wednesday, who delivered a Space Science Masterclass to our Year 10, 11 and 12 Physics students. My thanks go to Mrs Nichol for organising this excellent opportunity.

On the sporting front, Mrs Burns led a group of pupils to the District Boccia Championships, where they achieved a very creditable fourth-place finish—an impressive accomplishment to add to their recent success in indoor Kurling.

Throughout Lent, groups of our pupils, led by our Chaplain, Mrs Radcliffe, have been joining parishioners at St Margaret Mary's Church each Tuesday to take part in the Stations of the Cross. Strengthening the links between school and our parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, is very important to me, and I am proud to share that next Tuesday at 11:00am, we will be leading this celebration at St Margaret Mary's.

Looking ahead to next week, Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 24th March from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers, and I strongly encourage you to book an appointment if you have not already done so.

A reminder that school will close for the Easter break on Friday 27th March, with an early finish at 1:05pm. On this day, pupils may attend in their own clothes; however, we ask that all attire remains appropriate for a school setting. Items such as very short shorts, crop tops, or revealing clothing are not permitted. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring pupils are dressed in a manner that reflects our school's values of respect and responsibility.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend

Mr D McArdle  
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