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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of another busy term.

Over the Easter break we have a revision programme for Y11 students (details will be sent out today separately for Year 11), a Y9 trip to the Rhineland in Germany, Y10 skiing trip to Italy and a geography trip to Iceland. Duke of Edinburgh expeditions are again underway. Last weekend 85 students completed their assessed bronze expedition. Conditions were wet and cold under canvas but every student got through. Huge thanks to the 14 staff volunteers and 8 Sixth Form helpers who made the weekend expedition possible.

In school, this term has seen the opening of our new 3G football pitch with students enjoying using this superb new facility, outstanding performances in music and drama, and a whole range of exciting events and activities in all year groups across all subjects.

Our Annual School Survey will be published through Vandyke Voice and the school website. It encapsulates the views of parents/carers, students and staff on a raft of aspects, all expressed anonymously. Thank you to the 203 parents/carers who responded to the survey. Responses were overwhelmingly positive which is always encouraging to report. Where views are not entirely positive the concerns are taken seriously. We reflect on the feedback and, where we can, concerns are acted upon. A full report on the Annual Survey will be available shortly.

We finish at normal time on Thursday afternoon and students return to school on Tuesday 18 April. I hope that you and your family enjoy the Easter break and the Summer term brings us all some warmer and sunnier weather.

If you have any questions please contact office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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