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Dear Parents

This term is quickly drawing to a close, and as always it has been a very busy one. Internal exams took place for all years in the first two weeks of term and they ran very smoothly. For the Upper 6 and Upper 5, who are facing public examinations next term, there were some strong results, although the exams have also proved a useful wake-up call for those lower down the school. For those pupils facing external public examinations next term, the coming weeks will race past and it is essential that these pupils follow a structured programme of revision over the holiday period - I know that we can count on your support in encouraging your child to do so. Study leave for the Upper 6 starts Monday 26 April and for the Upper 5 Thursday 20 May – Mr Buchanan will be contacting the relevant parents about the arrangements for study leave at the start of next term.

### **Music and Drama**

The first half of term was brought to a close by the House Music competition – as ever, this was keenly contested and the quality and variety of acts was very high. The House Shout had taken place earlier in the term and was won by Dickson. Our adjudicator on the big night was Alison Beeson – an Associated Board Examiner and teacher at Chetham's, Manchester. She certainly had her work cut out for her and the overall honours went to Walters House. The second half of the term saw our annual main drama production – a musical this year – 'Into the Woods' by Stephen Sondheim. This was a challenging choice, but the cast and crew pulled off an absolute triumph! I found it enthralling from beginning to end and enjoyed the many strong performances in it. Like many others, I was spellbound by the Wicked Witch of the North, Katie Bamber, who held the audience in the palm of her hand. Other musical highlights were the choir performance of Stabat Mater at the Erin Arts Centre, also repeated in Chapel – a number of people commented to me that *'it made the hairs on the back of their neck stand on end'*.

### **Sport**

The development of football at College has not progressed as well as we would have liked, unfortunately, with Upper 4 and Middle 5 teams struggling to compete against the Island schools, despite great efforts by staff to improve the teams. However, Lower 4 continue to show real promise with fine performances, finishing as runners up in the Island Schools Festival for that year group. The Lower 5 team also won the U14 8 a side tournament which we hosted. The football 1<sup>st</sup> XI is a young team who have competed well this term, and with great spirit. Our netball teams are having a fantastic season and all teams have won all, or almost all, of their matches. We hope to enter our Upper 4 team in a national competition next year – they recently beat Castle Rushen High School 43 – 2.

In early March, the entire Lower 5 spent a morning at the 'Anne Frank + You' exhibition in Peel. The remainder of the day was then spent working on themes arising from it: genocide, bullying, hatred and racism. Some very imaginative and thought provoking work was produced and displayed in the Scholl Library.

There are two Enterprise Education activities for members of the Fifth Form taking place next term. On Monday 28 June all Lower 5 pupils will be off timetable and taking part in a Personal Economics programme. Personal Economics is designed to help pupils assess their personal skills and interests, explore career options, learn job-hunting skills, and discover the value of an education. They will also learn about budgets, personal and family financial management, and the use and abuse of credit. On Tuesday 29 June all Middle 5 pupils will be taking part in the 'Project Business' programme. Project Business is designed to give pupils a

practical, activity based insight into economic and business life. The sessions give practical introductions to a wide range of subjects - from outlining how a market economy operates, to discussing the role of advertising. Both programmes are taking place at King William's College and will finish at the end of the school day.

Regular fund raising initiatives have continued this term, and we would like to thank parents for their generosity in supporting these ventures. Some of the charities we have raised money for include the Isle of Man Autistic Society, the Saidia Orphanage, over £3000 for Haiti and the ever popular 'Taste of Culture' evening, masterminded by Mrs Ferrier, raised £1830.24 for Speranta Terrei.

The PE and Games Department are collecting Tesco vouchers for sports equipment, and would be gratefully received by Mrs Dunn and her team - please start collecting them and passing them on to any member of staff. Thank you.

"Hot off the press" are the School Colours awarded this term which you will find included in this mailing. Also the results for the British Biology Olympiad have arrived (although the certificates have yet to get to us) and I am delighted to report that Jonathan Dixon and Laura Green have both been Highly Commended whilst Louise Corkill has been Commended.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhona Collett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends to the right.