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Dear Parents/Carers

What a successful term we have had concluding with the sensational performance of the school musical 'We will Rock You' just this week. A huge congratulations to all of the talented students who took part and to Miss McGrath, Mr Harvey, Miss Nichols and Miss Kellett for not only the blood, sweat and tears that went into the show but also the time and commitment they dedicated outside of school hours - thank you!

We have also appointed a fantastic team of year 10 prefects who have taken up an array of duties to make the school a better place such as library duty, homework club and after school events. Our 'Reading Mentor' scheme is now up in running with trained year 9s and 10s reading with year 7s during form time in a bid to improve fluency for all.

Miss Ward orchestrated a whole school careers fair at the hub with each year group visiting stands represented by companies such as Bishop Auckland College, East Durham College - Houghall Campus, Glaxo, Kyle Travel and Mountain Rescue to name but a few.

Year 11 and 13 have successfully completed their final mock examinations and we wish them all the very best of luck as they now prepare for the real thing; an easter revision timetable has been shared with all parents and students and is also available on the school website.

As a result of our Staff Vs Student bake off sale, the school raised an impressive £275 for the charity 'Young Lives Vs Cancer'. Thank you to all those families who supported their child to bake; the entries were all incredible and very difficult to judge and thank you for your support in allowing what felt like nearly all of our students to buy these impressive bakes at break time - they all went like proverbial 'hot cakes'.

A reminder that our online platform 'POD' allows students and their parents to access resources, curriculum plans, reading material and useful websites to support learning outside of the classroom. POD is constructed so that each year group has a bespoke suite of resources tailored to support the curriculum in that year group so please have a browse and see what is on offer and what your child has been learning about.

I would like to announce that Mrs Howliston will be acting Learning Manager for year 10 after easter until Miss Withington Wray returns next year. We wish her good luck in this exciting role and know she will do an excellent job in supporting this wonderful year group.

Finally, we return to school on Monday 15th April. Thank you for all your support this term and we wish you a very happy and restful easter.

Kind Regards

Anna Cleckner
Head of School