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Dear Parent/Carer

**Praising Stars© 5**

We have now begun exam season and we wish all of students the very best. Good luck is normally shared with students as they go into the exam hall, but what we want to emphasis is that they have worked hard and now need to show what they know. There are revision sessions on during the half term. Please speak to your child about attending these.

Praising Stars© 5 reports should be on the way home with students this week so please look out for it in bags and planners. It is important that these are checked as they contain Parents Evening requests. Parents Evening is 21 May 4pm-7pm. You can book an appointment directly with the teacher via their email address, requests can be made through [enquires@carlton.outwood.com](mailto:enquires@carlton.outwood.com), via the student planner or by phone.

**Wild Week**

Over the past couple of Wednesdays (Wild Card Wednesday) we have been encouraging staff to try something new, creative and out of the ordinary in their lessons. This has been very successful and has been something that both staff and students have really enjoyed. For the whole week commencing Monday 13 May staff have been using wild cards in many of their lessons, not simply just on Wednesday. The feeling and atmosphere around the academy has been lovely. Students have shown off their work and said how much they have enjoyed 'walking on the wild side'.

**Mental Health Week**

We have combined Wild week with Mental Health week with the #It's okay not to be okay. Our aim is to get students talking to each other and sharing stories and experiences so they know they are not alone. Students have been encouraged to do this with chocolate and chat during VMG time. As an academy we want to celebrate positive mental health and also be a supportive tool for those who at times need more help. There have been a number of mental health providers in school this week taking part in lessons and they have also been present at break and lunch. Green ribbons will be around the academy on Friday. Donations are welcome for a green ribbon and proceeds are to be given to Mental Health Association.

**Ramadan**

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan began on 5 May and will continue for a month. Some of our students and staff will choose to fast between dawn and dusk during this time. At break and lunch times the library is available to support students who need time for reflection and want to avoid the restaurant. Further guidance has also been shared on the website and Facebook.

**Uniform & Make-Up**

As we return to warmer weather students will be allowed to remove jackets whilst in the academy. However we do ask that this does not impact on how students should wear their uniform. Skirts should be worn correctly and not rolled over or tied with a bobble. If the skirt does not fit then we can help pin it at student reception. Shirts should be tucked in at all times. If students are wearing socks they should be black. Clear guidance on uniform is on Pg 22-23 of the student planner. All make-up that is worn in the academy should be worn discreetly, no student should be wearing false nails or eyelashes.

Please enjoy a restful break.

Yours faithfully



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