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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear parents, carers and families

Thirty days into the academic year and our students have embraced the changes of a new school year and are thriving. I have been overwhelmed this week by the interaction, co-operation and friendship our students are showing towards each other as well as the high aspirations all of our staff have for each and every student.

Thank you so much to the parents who attended our parenting workshop with Geoff Evans on Thursday. I do hope that you found this of benefit.

This week we have welcomed our Commissioners to Endeavour to report on pupil progress and welcomed Laura Davies our new NHS Speech and Language Therapist who will be with us half a day each week. On this front, just to make you aware that as well as Laura working with us we will also be employing our own Speech and Language Therapist, two days each week from January 2017. Seven staff from Endeavour attended the NAS conference this week and are working with colleagues to upskill everyone with the knowledge that they have gained. We have also had a House Meeting this week with all residential staff and much progress is being made in our journey. We welcomed Heads of Care from settings in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire for our inaugural Head of Care sharing of best practice meeting. Anne-Marie Dawe, our Chairperson of our Local Advisory Board, spent the day in Endeavour House on Thursday to review our policy and procedures.

As we move into the final week of this half term, we look forward to welcoming you to parents' evenings on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October.

A reminder that next Friday 21st October is **Wear it Pink Day** and we will be supporting Breast Cancer Now by taking part. We will be dressing up in pink clothing and would like your son or daughter to join us by also wearing pink for the day, for a minimum donation of £2.00. There will be pink themed activities throughout the school day, for everyone to join in with and we hope we raise lots of money for this good cause.

Many thanks for your support

To finish on this week's quote:

"We must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy"

Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke
Principal