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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well as we reach the end of another busy week at St Gabriel's.

In our Year 11 assembly this week, I was inspired when writing by reflecting on the Gospel reading from Matthew 6:19-23, where Jesus speaks to his disciples about storing up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. This powerful passage reminds us that earthly possessions - vulnerable to moths, woodworms, and thieves - pale in comparison to the eternal treasures we can accumulate through our faith and actions.

During the assembly, I spoke to our students about the importance of being curious and investing in people around us. I encouraged them to develop resilience and to embrace their calling as servants to others. These qualities, I believe, are at the very heart of what it means to live out the Gospel message that Jesus shares with us.

The passage continues with Jesus teaching about the eye being the lamp of the body - if our eye is sound, our whole body will be filled with light. This metaphor speaks to the clarity of vision and purpose that comes when we align our hearts with heavenly treasures rather than earthly ones. When we focus on serving others, showing curiosity about their needs, and building resilience in the face of challenges, we illuminate not only our own lives but the lives of those around us.

I firmly believe that this Gospel passage guides our mission here at St Gabriel's. We are called to help our students understand that true wealth lies not in what we accumulate for ourselves, but in how we invest in others and in our relationship with God. By encouraging curiosity, resilience, and a servant's heart, we are helping our young people to store up those treasures that truly matter.

As we move into the weekend, I encourage you to reflect on this message with your children and to continue supporting them in their journey of faith and learning.

Mock exams

Year 10 students have had a fantastic start to the Year 10 Mock Examinations. Please remind your student to be on time to school, to have their own scientific calculator, a full pencil case and clear water bottle. The Year 10's have already been working hard and there is high attendance to morning and after school revision sessions. The students have been using their revision guides and the Year 10 Hub. Please continue to encourage your son/daughter at home with their own independent revision over the weekend.

With every blessing for the week ahead,

Yours sincerely

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