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Dear Families,

I spoke to a number of excited students this morning who informed me they had secured tickets for the BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend which takes place on May 24th – 26th. As more information is provided about the logistics of the event I will inform you of any impact on TSPA.

We have had a really positive week at TSPA – behaviour has generally been positive, although we have seen a number of suspensions for students whose behaviour has fallen below expectations. We don't always get it right, but I know that staff at TSPA will do their best to support students and provide exceptional pastoral care. Suspensions are never a first option and will be considered where we are faced with serious incidents and repeated poor behaviour. I know I can count on your support.

Highlights from the week include the MFL trip to Seville which a number of students are enjoying. We were also lucky to get a visit from Sarfraz Manzoor. Sarfraz is a British journalist, documentary maker, broadcaster, screenwriter and Chancellor of the University of Bedfordshire who also grew up in Luton (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarfraz_Manzoor). He spoke to our Scholars about his journey into journalism and broadcasting.

Year 10 students had a "Just Drop It" knife crime assembly, delivered by Emily Hurst from Bedfordshire Police Education and Diversion Team. The presentation included a strong video from Roseann Taylor, the mum of a young Luton man who lost his life to a knife attack. This remarkable lady now works for VERU (<https://bedsveru.org/>) and helps others who are at risk or effected by knife crime. The behaviour of the year group during the assembly was impeccable.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our 3rd annual iftar yesterday. So many students and staff volunteered, and the event showcased the indomitable TSPA spirit. It really was a special evening, with a wonderful speech delivered by Maryam in Year 11:

"Our school has always been a place where cultural exchange is not only encouraged but celebrated. Each culture is a unique thread in the fabric of our community, and events like this iftar and our Culture Day celebrate this.

As we break bread together this evening, let's reflect on the importance of cultural inclusivity and the role it plays in enriching our educational experience. Let's continue to champion one another, learn from one another, love one another and grow a community where every culture is acknowledged and appreciated."

As we approach the Easter break, a reminder that students should continue to attend school every day. If you are facing any barriers, please speak to us and we will support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Humayun
Principal