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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a short but jam packed term draws to a close, I wanted to share some of the successes within Year 11, celebrating the achievements of students who make our year group truly fantastic. As always there are so many fantastic achievements that take place over the course of a term it would be impossible for me to list them all, but hopefully you will find these highlights as impressive as I do and join me in congratulating them in their efforts.

At the start of the term the County Swimming Championships at Grantham commenced. Mrs French commented on how 'the swimming was again stunning to watch'. The swimmers have to train very hard many times a week to be able to qualify let alone swim technically at a pace that is demanded by the events. Heather Priest, Bethany Walker and Harrison Wood all competed, with Bethany becoming a county champion with 1 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Always a key highlight in our school year is the school musical, this year it was *Les Miserables*, which featured several members of the Year group taking lead roles, playing in the orchestra or helping back stage. Archie Fluck, Hazel Danes, Kian Hernshaw, Zoe Camplin, Ciara Goggin, Lucy Jolliff, Clea Strathman, Benjamin Skinner and Carlos Gadd Garcia all put on a standing ovation performance worthy of a place in the West End.

Fern Ellis was selected as our Student of the Module in February because of her involvement in peer listening, Sports Leaders Awards, involvement in NCS and starting her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. As well as volunteering her time in these activities, she also keeps her exceptional attendance (100% since year 7) and attainment within all of her subjects.

Kian Hernshaw continues to be a formidable force in the world of youth politics and has been elected as a Member of Lincolnshire Youth Cabinet, which operates as a cross county young person's forum for change and stands as a member of Youth Parliament as voted for by the school council.

Cadets within the CCF Army Section undertook a Senior Cadet Instructor Course at Beckingham Training Camp. Cadet Corporals Callum Nicol, Naomi Wood and Rachel Bell undertook effective instructor training. The course was tough and required a lot of effort to complete. However, the cadets met the standards of hard work and determination and successfully passed the course.

Jack Middleton, Aaron Whetton, Ben Gudalajtys, Nathan Wallis and Joe Harpham took part in the Vex Robotics UK Finals at the NEC in March. There were 40 teams from across the UK requiring teams to build and programme a robot that is fully autonomous. The boys reached the semi-finals with an impressive hand built machine and are already planning next year's entry.

To end module 4 our Student of the Module is Elizabeth Airdrie. She has been fundraising for prom, helping out at open evenings and parents evenings, always has a cheery smile and commits herself

fully to all aspects of Year 11 life. Elizabeth will always go the extra mile to help students and staff and is well respected by her peers and always comes highly commended by staff.

I have never been more proud to be a Head of Year and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on their achievements. I wish them all the greatest of success with their GCSE examinations and hope we can share their further celebrations come results day in August.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Redgrave', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss G Redgrave,
Head of Year 11