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I hope that our friends and colleagues have not been washed away in what was a very soggy half-term break. We hope that all students brought home a copy of our half-termly newsletter before the holiday. We publish ASPIRE at the end of each half-term, sharing what has been going on in school, within and beyond the classroom. We like to send home the newsletter in paper form, in the hope that students are proud of their achievements and that they might like to share these with family, or even keep for posterity. However, you can access all published copies of the newsletter **here**.

It was great to see students get involved in Big Draw week before half-term. The focus this year was #DrawnToLife and focused on the vital role of creativity for health and wellbeing. Creativity can be a great way to find some inner calm, whether that is through crafting or colouring, we can all benefit from activity which makes us slow down in our busy lives. We hope that our students might have found some time to undertake some of the suggested activities during half-term.

In the week ahead, we welcome Year 11 parents and carers for Year 11 Parents' Evening. As usual appointments should be made by students with their subject teachers across the evening. Appointments are available from 5.00pm until 7.30 pm

On Thursday Year 11 Geography students head to Ipswich as part of the field-trip studies as part of the GCSE course.

It was lovely to see so many Year 7 and 8 Parents and Carers at the Learning Together evening before half-term. If you missed the evening, please do take time to look at our slides **here**. The three workshops covered strategies for learning, mental health and well-being and E-safety

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