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FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Celebrating Our Learning Partnership Evenings

Last week, we held our fourth Learning Partnership Evening, marking a wonderful return to face-to-face meetings and for the first time welcoming our students into the conversations. Because it has been seven years since we last hosted this event in person, it was a brand-new experience for many of our staff, students and parents alike.

Attendance numbers were up compared to recent years. I had the pleasure of speaking with many families throughout the event and the feedback about being back on-site was overwhelmingly positive.

To keep things running smoothly, each room hosted up to four staff members with plenty of space for private, quiet conversations. Digital screens projected five-minute countdown timers to signal the end of each interview. While a few sessions ran slightly over time, the vast majority of sessions occurred exactly as scheduled.

Looking ahead, I strongly encourage all parents to make this event a priority when it returns in 2027.

Decades of research have shown that when parents engage in their child's learning, both at home and at school, student achievement and wellbeing increase (Hattie, 2023; Kim, 2022; Sengonul, 2022; T. E. Smith et al., 2020).

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As reports are distributed, please take a few minutes to review and discuss them with your child. Your continued encouragement and praise make a significant difference in their overall engagement and success at the College.

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