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"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

Dr. Seuss

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On the last day of term, the CATS Cambridge community congregated at St Andrews Church for our Spring Leaver's Assembly. Spring brings a bittersweet ending as we say goodbye to many high-school term students from around the world.

The event involves the awarding of Programme Completion Certificates and recognising the exceptional academic achievements of our students, including the exceptional results of the Senior Physics Challenge.

House Captains took to the podium to reflect on the term and provide a few words of wisdoms to their departing peers.

We were also treated to a wonderful musical interlude by the school choir, singing Abba's "Slipping through my fingers". The school choir consists of Joanna (Musical Director), Kaysa (Administrative Leader), Jing, Clara, Gabriel, Sarah, Olivia, Remus, and Tina.

This term has also seen great success in our sporting endeavours, with the football team being recognised for their recent triumph in the CIFE Football Tournament 2024, where they saw off thirteen other schools to secure the final win 1-0 against MPW Birmingham.

The event wrapped up with poignant final words from the Principal, Dominic Tomalin, examining the importance of gratitude and humility.



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Dominic Tomalin,
Principal



Our Spring end of term assembly fell on Maundy Thursday. Maundy is derived from latin, "mandatum,"- from which we get the more familiar mandate – an order to do something.

In the Christian tradition, the mandate marked on Maundy Thursday, is to demonstrate the virtues of kindness and humility; Jesus is said to have washed his disciples' feet to illustrate his point. This has been famously captured in art, the Tintoretto is but one of many depictions:



Christ Washing His Disciples' Feet | Art Gallery of Ontario

In the UK the sovereign traditionally hands out Maundy purses. Each recipient of Maundy money is presented with two small leather purses by the sovereign, one red and one white. The first contains a small amount of ordinary coinage, this symbolises the Sovereign's gift for food and clothing. The second contains Maundy coins up to the value of the Sovereign's age.

This year, in a historic departure from Royal Protocol, the Maundy Purses will be handed out by The Queen Consort, Queen Camilla, King Charles III's wife. It will be the first time that the spouse of a reigning sovereign has represented the sovereign at the Maundy Service.

Prompted by the fact that our assembly fell Maundy Thursday, after a busy term – I invited our students take a moment to show gratitude to their friends and family, for the support and the kindness that they have extended to you.

Maundy Thursday is a festival that acknowledges that none of us succeed without others, not even a King or Queen. That we should all make a deliberate effort to acknowledge and thank those that serve to make it possible for you to be you, and who help us to work towards becoming the best version of you.

The power of humility and gratitude is much underestimated, there is much to be gained from demonstrating both genuinely and often.