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Happy birthday to our wonderful school community! This week has seen us celebrate all that is powerful and magnificent about a community working together to achieve what may have seemed, 20 years ago, to be an impossible dream.

And yet, here we are! Today marks the school's Foundation Day and the celebrations have included cake, exhibition matches on the newly opened Tomlinson Courts, and the Foundation Day assembly, to be topped off by our Gala Cocktail celebration tomorrow evening. All of this has given us an opportunity to reflect on our past, reconnect with old friends and celebrate a very bright future.

We welcomed Michael Griffin to GSG this week and he shared his insights into education, with a particular focus on students achieving their full potential and developing a growth, rather than fixed, mindset.

One of the messages Michael left us with is the power of 'yet' and the possibility of that word. Rather than saying, flatly, "I can't do that…" the growth mindset would say, "I can't do that, yet." We remind our learners (and ourselves!) that the next step is to decide what I'm going to do to keep developing my abilities. Michael presented to Music staff, teaching staff and Education Assistants, and a parent group in the evening. Thanks to the P&F, parents enjoyed wine and cheese and one another's company, before we listened to Michael's presentation. We are keen to continue this format with other invited guest speakers in the future, so keep an eye out for those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has made this twentieth birthday such a special celebration.

Mrs Emma Franklin | Deputy Principal

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