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Dear Parent/Carers

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As we approach the half-term holiday, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some reflections on a positive and productive start to the school year. This first half-term has seen students progressing well in their learning, with a purposeful and supportive atmosphere evident throughout the school. We're delighted to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our students as they continue to make excellent strides in their education.

Uniform standards have generally been well observed and we appreciate your support in maintaining these expectations. However, as a reminder, nose studs are not permitted and individuals have been reminded that these will be removed after the half term break. We also ask that students avoid excessive jewellery and ensure skirts are worn appropriately. Your cooperation helps us maintain a focused, respectful learning environment.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind you of our Remembrance Service, which will be held on Friday, 8th November. In support of the Royal British Legion, we encourage all students to wear a poppy during this traditional service, where we will also observe the playing of the Last Post. Sixth Form students will distribute poppies during morning registration sessions after the holiday break. There is no set donation amount; any contributions are very much appreciated and can be made via the School Gateway app.

Additionally, on Friday, 15th November, we will continue our tradition of supporting Children in Need Day. We have organised a variety of engaging activities for students to enjoy, including a morning quiz, lunchtime activities like "Throw a Wet Sponge at a Teacher," and sporting challenges to "Beat the Teacher." There will also be a one-mile walk for Key Stage 3 students. While our Years 10 and 11 students are mindful of their upcoming exams, they are welcome to join some of the activities throughout the day also. We kindly encourage donations through the School Gateway app to support this important cause.

Based on recent feedback, we understand parents appreciate regular updates on our vision and priorities. We are eager to share these with you, and you can expect a detailed update in the first week after half-term, outlining our key focus areas and aspirations for the school's future.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful half-term holiday. Enjoy the extra hour in bed this weekend as the clocks go back, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ellis'.

Mr C Ellis
Headteacher