

25 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the second term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I hope this finds you well.

It has been a busy term with a lot happening both in and out of the classroom. The Year 11s have completed their mocks and I want to thank them and say we are really proud of how they have handled the workload and the maturity they have demonstrated throughout this extremely intensive period. The students have also completed their college applications too. They have been a year group who have grown into superb role models for the rest of the school.

The Year 9s have gone through the Key Stage 4 transition process which is a particularly challenging time as they look to their futures. They have done so well with this and showed real maturity and enthusiasm for what lies ahead. The Year 10s are preparing for their Work Experience and are continuing with their GCSE and Vocational Courses. They all had the opportunity for a one-to-one interview with a guest from our community recently and they were superb and really took on the challenge in a very mature manner and demonstrated real grit.

A highlight of this term was the school production of 'High School Musical'. It always fills me with huge pride when I see the whole school coming together to put this on. In a time when some schools are not putting these shows on, we have been clear that this is a highlight of our school year. The support of the community has been huge with over 1200 people attending and the 200 students who are involved will not forget this experience. The staff involved were brilliant in giving their time over weekends and I know the students involved are so thankful for this dedication. The school is rightfully proud of our tradition and history of school productions, and this year adds to this legacy.

The Year 8s got to the final of the Sheffield Football Cup v Tapton this weekend and played well unfortunately the result did not go our way but the boys have been fantastic in getting to the final.

We had the Year 7 Production on Monday which involved over 120 students, this is remarkable and testament to the fantastic Drama department we have. The students were a credit and demonstrates the talent we have in this school.

Our school values of work hard, show grit, aim high and be kind are needed now more than ever. We have challenges ahead as we move into the final term, a key drive is attendance. The research will show you the link between attendance and success. We must get the attendance figures up to pre-pandemic level and we make no excuse in chasing this.

I want to thank all the staff who have worked extremely hard this term and as always have gone above and beyond. I am extremely proud in leading this group of staff, they are skilled, passionate and determined to give our children the best education possible.

I want to take this opportunity to remember the life of Cherish Bean who was a loved and valued member of our school. The students have been extremely respectful and strong during this difficult time, and we will remember Cherish with a permanent memorial in the next few weeks.

Finally, I wish you a lovely break and look forward to working together and sharing more of our success into the summer term. As a school we have a lot to look forward to, we have a full school again for next year and lots of things planned as we move into the final term and beyond into the next academic year.

As a school we are evolving all the time and the nature of both education and society is changing and we are 100% committed to making sure we embrace the challenges that are presented and doing so with all stakeholders on board and keeping the children at the centre of everything we do.

Happy Easter to you all.

We reopen on **Monday 13th April** at 8:40am on **week 1**.

Thank you for your continued support and take care.

Your sincerely



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