

14 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot quite believe that it is half term already. The last 6 weeks have flown by and we have packed a lot into this time.

It has been extremely busy, and the highlight was the school production of 'We Will Rock You' which was a huge success and had 3 sell out nights and 380 of our feeder school children having their own showing. This shows our school at its very best and it makes us very proud that all our student community comes together in this way to deliver year in, year out. The mixture of all our year groups, 250 children in total, working together is something to be proud of.

The thing that strikes me when looking back over the half-term is how talented and capable our students are. The depth of skills, knowledge and abilities is vast and something that they should be proud of and seek to nurture. Seeing young people who excel at sports, the arts and much more is inspiring and makes us realise how lucky we are to work in this environment.

The Year 11s have been superb in the way they are undertaking their mocks and have shown a real maturity, and they will finish these after the holidays. The rest of the school have been doing a variety of things from the annual ski trip, choosing options, Super Learning Days, work shadowing placements, Year 7 production auditions to our continued sporting events to name a few.

As we enter the second half of the academic year, we will continue to be the best we can. The staff of this school will now have a well-earned rest and recharge the batteries for the run up to Easter.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all for your support and remind you that we start the new term at 8:40am on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> February and it will be a week 2.

Take care.

Yours sincerely

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Mr R Walkden Headteacher

