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## Dear Parent/Carers

I am just writing to thank you for your support over the last 8 weeks. I can't quite believe that we have reached the end of our first half-term but we have and we now look forward to our next half-term and the run up to the festive period.

We have had many successes this term including the recent mock exams which the Year 11 have completed with maturity and grit. The recent Year 7 Restart-a-Heart Day was a huge success as they continue to make a strong start to secondary life. Our Year 10 have made a strong start to their Key Stage 4 courses and our Year 8 and 9 continue to grow and work hard. Our sports teams are doing superb and our school production of 'We Will Rock You' is coming together nicely for our shows in January.

I wanted to also let you know that we have a new Chair of Governors after our previous Chair, Simon Price, has stepped down after 3 years due to work commitments but will stay on as a Governor. Katy Davison joined the Governing Body as a Co-Opted governor in 2022 but is also a parent with children of her own in the school. She has 11 years' experience of chairing a governing body having previously been Chair at one of our feeder schools Windmill Hill. If you would like to contact Katy or any of our Governors, you can do this via the school enquiries email address and mark it for their attention.

Finally, I would like to wish you a restful half term with your families and friends, and I look forward to the next half-term when we go again.

We re-open on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Take care.

Yours sincerely

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