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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have reached the end of another half-term and I hope this finds you well. This is just a quick letter to let you know what the students have been up to and what is happening in the final part of the academic year.

It has been a busy few weeks with a lot happening both in and out of the classroom. The Year 11s are well into their final exams now and have made a superb start. We will continue after the break, and I hope they continue with the same zest and attitude right up to the end. We have the final assembly and the Prom to look forward to next half term. The message is, keep going and aim high.

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 will also do their first set of mocks in the next half term.

As we enter the final half-term, a reminder we have lots of clubs going on from athletics, darts, cricket, Lego, debate club and football. We have also had lots of events taking place and teams running. The London Drama trip also took place this week. We have the end of year celebration assemblies taking place in July and of course our Activities Day too. We have started our Transition Visits and our new Year 7 will be here at the start of July for their Induction Days.

On Monday 70 children and young people from Ecclesfield, Lound, Windmill Hill, High Green and Ecclesfield Primary were reunited with their smartphones after giving them up for three whole weeks. Some of our youngest pupils handed in their iPads. Our volunteers ranged from age 4 to 16, and every single one of them showed real courage and curiosity. The media have been all over this with both ITV and the BBC covering our story and this has been a great example of our community coming together for the greater good.

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 half-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 half-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.

We reopen on **Monday 1st June** at 8:40am on a Week 1.

Thank you for your continued support, take care and have a relaxing half-term break.

Your sincerely



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