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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to take this opportunity to say 'welcome back'. As a Year team we are so pleased with the way Year 9 have returned to school following their Easter break. Students are showing real maturity in their lessons and it was great to see so many of them reflecting on and celebrating their short reports regarding their effort last term. We have been very happy with the determination that is taking place within lessons, since our return from remote learning, and hope that this continues through the Summer Term.

We now embark on a very purposeful first half of the Summer term. Our focus for this half term is 'Be Ready', as we drive to keep our high expectations surrounding uniform. You can find our full uniform policy on our school website; however, we are particularly focusing on coats, jackets and accessories being removed as soon as we walk into the school building.

We are also focusing on 'Being Respectful'. So far, through our 'Diverse City' week that took place last week, as well as the recent Have Your Say Day. In this the students focussed on how we can continue to promote and encourage diversity, equality and inclusion at Chorlton High and in our wider community. We received some fantastic suggestions which will be discussed at our School Council meeting to build them into our school life.

As you know, Year 9 follow the nationally recognised SSAT Leadership Award as part of their pastoral curriculum. Students can achieve the Bronze and Silver award this year and then go on to push for Gold in Year 10. To achieve the Bronze accreditation, students need to complete all the tasks that they have been set during Form Time this year. In order to gain Silver accreditation, they need to start bringing in evidence of leadership from outside of school. Almost anything can count as evidence towards one of the ten leadership 'strands' – from a signed statement from yourselves for helping an elderly neighbour put the bins out every week (Understanding my Community) to a picture of an extra-curricular activity that they have taken part in (e.g. Team Working). Folders will be moderated in the second half of the Summer Term. We are trying to get as many pieces of evidence into school as possible to get as many students as possible to achieve Silver!

One excellent way of gaining evidence for a Silver SSAT Leadership Award is through participation in our extra-curricular provision after school. We are thrilled to see this back up and running again. More information can be found on our school website, including what clubs are on offer. Places at a club can be booked through our School Gateway App and further guidance on this process has been detailed in a previous correspondence.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Head of Middle School

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