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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and progress. This term has been marked by courage, commitment, and compassion.

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your involvement in your child's education is vital and greatly appreciated. Together, we continue to foster a positive and nurturing environment where our students can thrive.

Our Year 11 students have shown commitment and courage and are midway through their GCSE exams. They now have a dedicated revision week ahead, and I kindly ask for your support in maintaining a balanced and effective revision schedule during this vital time. I also want to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our staff. Their commitment and compassion have significantly impacted our students' academic progress and well-being. Whether in the classroom or through extracurricular activities, our staff consistently go above and beyond to ensure every student has access to quality education and enriching opportunities.

I would like to highlight the support our staff provides to our Year 10 and 11 students through Saturday intervention, specific department-focused intervention, and our Year 10 Wednesday intervention.

This term has brought many successes across the school, from academic excellence to impressive performances in sports, creative arts, and even a careers enterprise event, which saw a group of our Year 7 students win the competition. Our students continue to make us proud. These achievements are a testament to their hard work and the support provided by families and staff.

Household Support Fund

We are pleased to inform you that Newham Council will again provide funding through the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund. This will enable us to issue food vouchers for the May half-term holiday to students eligible for statutory (benefits-related) Free School Meals (FSM). The funding covers five days and applies to children from Reception to Year 11. We are grateful to the Council for continuing this support.

Uniform Reminder

Could I please draw your attention to our uniform policy and also the reasons why we believe having high expectations for uniform is essential:



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Discipline: A clear uniform policy can help to create a more orderly learning environment

Equality: A uniform reduces socioeconomic disparities and bullying related to clothing

Focus on Learning: School uniform reduces distractions by minimising the focus on clothing and accessories

We appreciate your support in maintaining these high expectations. If you have any financial challenges purchasing uniforms, please contact us for help.

Mission

Following the workshops to create the Mission Statement, we will now be holding a writing workshop to finalise the statement. This will take place on Thursday 26th June and you are invited to attend either in person or online. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Finally, thank you for your trust in Little Ilford School. Your partnership is invaluable, and I look forward to working together in the coming half-term to continue delivering the best educational experience for our students.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday, 2nd June.**

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Finn
Headteacher