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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

As a school, we are rapidly coming to the end of the first half-term of this academic year. The last eight weeks seem to have gone by very quickly and there has been so much going on in school.

All students have returned this year with a very positive attitude towards their studies and school life in general. Students have participated in lots of different activities over this half-term from sporting activities, particularly swimming and football, to trips to the beach for Year 7 students and Careers workshops. More students than ever are participating in our Culture of Excellence and taking part in 'What Went Well Wednesdays' to show off the work that they are proud of and we are very proud of all our students.

Regarding attendance, we have made a very strong start to the year, and I am very grateful to all parents and carers for your support in ensuring that your children are always in school. Continuing to work together on attendance in the run up to Christmas, as we enter the winter months, is more important than ever. Please ensure that your child is in school and if we feel that they are too unwell, we will send them home. If I could just remind all parents and carers not to book holidays or appointments during school time wherever possible as this does have an impact on your child's learning.

The school will close at the normal time at end of the day on Friday 23 October and we look forward to welcoming all students back in on Monday 2 November. I wish you all a restful half-term holiday week and hope all our students get a chance to recharge their batteries ready for a busy return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare Humble
Headteacher