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16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the two week October half term break, we can reflect on all the progress made since the start of September. The attendance and punctuality of our students continues to improve, in-class and out of class behaviour continues to improve, and the quality of teaching and learning continues to move in the right direction. There is still work to be done in each of these vital areas, of course, but it is important for us to take stock and to recognise the improvements that are evident across all year groups in both our Primary and Secondary schools.

It has been pleasing to see an increasingly mature attitude from our students, particularly those in Years 10 and 11, but notably in other year groups also. As we focus keenly on each student being "*Ready, Respectful and Safe*", we also look for our students to be kind and considerate towards one another. These are important qualities that will prepare them well and stand them in good stead for adult life.

So - well done to our students, and thank you for your ongoing support as their parents and carers. My thanks also to the staff team who show dedication and determination each day. Let us enjoy this restful break, returning for plenty of hard work, enthusiasm and commitment from Monday 2nd November right through to Christmas.

With my grateful thanks, and with all best wishes,

Chris Drew
Interim Headteacher

What have we been up to this week?

It has been an action-packed final week of the half-term, filled with fantastic learning and celebration across the entire school. A huge well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 children, who brought incredible energy to our Times Tables Rock Stars Day! Dressed in their finest rockstar attire, the children had a brilliant time honing their rapid-recall multiplication skills and boosting their maths confidence. Beyond the math fun, it has been a real highlight of my week to visit classrooms and read the amazing writing produced across all year groups this half-term; the progress, creativity, and pride in their work have been wonderful to see. Looking ahead to the new term, we are delighted to introduce our new free breakfast club starting right after the break. Please refer to the separate letter sent out earlier this week for full details on timings and how to register. Thank you all for a fantastic half-term. We wish all our families a restful, happy two-week holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

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It has been a busy final week of the half term across secondary. In our Ready, Respectful and Safe curriculum and assemblies, students have explored human rights and societal freedom, considering the importance of fairness, equality and the freedoms we enjoy. These themes connect closely with our school values: treating others with dignity, respecting different perspectives and understanding the responsibility we all share in making our community safe and welcoming.

New Messages

A huge well done to **Year 2 and Year 7**, who were crowned the winners of our half-term attendance competition in primary and secondary, respectively!

As a reward for their excellent attendance, both year groups enjoyed a non-uniform day on the final day of the half term.

Congratulations to everyone involved! Regular attendance is vital to ensuring students make the most of every learning opportunity, and we look forward to seeing which year groups rise to the challenge next half term.

Standing Messages

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers) - Please click here to view the primary newsletter.

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)
Please click here for a link to the site. If you access this on a mobile device, you can access the links for the apps.
If you have not signed up, please download the app from the relevant app store, click 'sign up' and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) to register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. Parents are now able to access attendance information on the My Child at School app, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)
As usual, this has closed for the half-term break and will be reopened at the start of half-term 2.

Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

Sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this, follow the link below:

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Sign up for The National College - https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool

Yours sincerely,

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