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Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of our first half term, I write to share with you how positive the start to this academic year has been; our students have settled well into a more familiar school routine. We are pleased that students are working hard and are striving to meet our high expectations. Each day in school we are living out our school motto of 'Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support'.

It has been a busy half term in school. Our Year 7 students were exceptional during their Welcome Mass on St Wilfrid's Day, and it was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school. We are very proud of those students who volunteered their time during our highly successful and popular Year 6 Open Evening – visitors to our school commented on how polite, well-presented and confident the students were – well done to all involved. Our Year 11 students have begun their subject-specific intervention programmes in order to ensure that progress and attainment are maximised. Breakfast clubs, Active Lunch sessions and homework clubs have returned to our daily offer and have been well attended.

We are pleased that the change to isolation rules has meant that there are fewer students and staff absent from school. However, as the number of cases rise in the local community, this is reflected in the number of positive COVID cases reported in school. We continue to follow our COVID-19 risk assessment to minimise transmission of the virus. We would like to encourage the continued use of lateral flow tests to identify asymptomatic cases throughout the half term break and upon return to school. Additionally, we continue to encourage the wearing of face coverings, particularly in communal areas of school and on buses. We have recently received brief information from the Local Authority regarding vaccinations for eligible students who missed out on their vaccinations last month. We will share further information about this as soon as we receive full detail from the Local Authority.

We hope that our students have a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 1 November.

Kind regards

Mrs D Ritchie
Acting Head of School



Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum

