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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic first half term at Padgate Academy. The enthusiasm, dedication, and high level of participation in school events from our students has been great to see.

During this time, we have had a wide range of exciting events that have enriched our school community. Our students have taken part in numerous sporting fixtures, representing the school across a range of sports in the town. Many have also had the opportunity to attend theatre trips, deepening their understanding and appreciation of the arts. Our STEM trips have enabled our students to get hands-on experiences that have ignited their curiosity and innovation.

One of the highlights of this half term was the TCAT Parliament, where our students represented Padgate Academy with pride, engaging in discussions that foster leadership and citizenship. Meanwhile, over 40 students from the school went on a battlefield residential to France and Belgium, which provided an unforgettable historical insight for those who attended, allowing students to connect with the past in a profound way.

We are also thrilled by the enthusiasm shown during the auditions for Mary Poppins, with so many of our students stepping forward to get involved in this exciting production. The auditions demonstrated the incredible talent and passion for the performing arts within our school community. We look forward to inviting our community into the school later in the year when the show will take place.

In addition, we have raised awareness for important causes, hosting assemblies for issues such as ADHD Awareness Month. Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Day gave students the space to reflect on self-care and mental health, and Year 7 students benefitted greatly from the Amy Winehouse Foundation event, which provided valuable insights on emotional wellbeing. One particular assembly highlight was a moving and informative assembly from Mr Morris on Black History Month.

We are especially proud of the collective effort in supporting our Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser. The generosity and community spirit displayed by students and staff alike were heartwarming, and together we've made a difference for such an important cause.





As we head into the half-term break, I would like to thank all of our students, staff, parents and carers for their continued support, energy, and commitment.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful term on Monday 4th of November.

Yours faithfully

Adam McMillan  
Principal