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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another busy and productive half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to reflect on the fantastic events and opportunities our students have experienced over the past weeks.

We have had a vibrant and enriching half-term, filled with a variety of educational, cultural, and extracurricular activities. Some key highlights include:

- **Children's Mental Health Week** – Our students participated in assemblies and wellbeing activities, focusing on self-care and mental resilience.
- **Year 7 Positive Social Media Workshops** – Helping our younger students navigate the digital world responsibly.
- **Year 7 – 9 Cyber Targeting Assemblies** – Raising awareness of online safety and cyber threats.
- **Dr Bike Sessions** – Free safety and maintenance checks for our cycling students.
- **Fundraising for Prom** – A fantastic effort by our students, including a successful sweet treat stall.
- **Cadets, Rowing, and Duke of Edinburgh Enrichment** – Providing excellent leadership and teamwork opportunities.
- **New CAS Clubs** – Exciting additions including Darts, Crochet, and Netball.
- **Holocaust Memorial and World Religion Assemblies** – Encouraging reflection and understanding of important historical and cultural topics.
- **TCAT Parliament and Form Rep Meetings** – Focusing on diversity and inclusion across the school.
- **TCAT Challenge Award for Year 8** – Continuing to push academic ambition and engagement.
- **Safer Internet Day Assemblies** – Reinforcing online safety and digital awareness.
- **Career Cluster Talks** – Insights into media and games design industries.
- **Explore Languages Trips** – Students explored Mandarin and Ukrainian poetry.
- **STEM Trips** – Engaging students in the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- **English Theatre Trip** – A fantastic opportunity for our students to experience live theatre.
- **Athletic Competitions and Table Cricket Events** – Our students represented the school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.
- **Career Aspirations Assembly** – Encouraging students to think about their futures and career pathways.

One of our PRIDE values in school is around endeavour and It has been wonderful to see students endeavouring to undertake activities, developing their skills, and broadening their horizons.

I also want to thank the dedicated staff who go above and beyond what is expected of them to ensure that our students get a chance to undertake such a range of enriching events.





As a reminder, we will be finishing for half-term on **Friday, 14th February at 3:05 pm**, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on **Monday, 24th February at 8:25 am**.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Best regards

Adam McMillan
Principal