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Dear Parent or Carer

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As we approach the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the positive developments and successes we have experienced at Padgate Academy. It has been a remarkable term filled with achievements and growth, and I am excited to share some highlights with you.

Site Improvements: One of the key areas of focus this term has been enhancing our school environment. I am delighted to inform you that we have made significant site improvements that contribute to a more conducive and inspiring learning atmosphere for our students.

The improvements undertaken this term include:

- Astro turf relay completed by the end of this year, ready for January
- New windows, doors and roofing which has improved the warmth in classrooms and led to improved teaching environments.
- New equipment within the Department of Music
- Ongoing upgrades to signage and decoration around the site

Much of the funding for the improvements has come from TCAT capital funding. On behalf of us all, I wish to thank the Trust for supporting our school as we continue to improve. Further enhancements are also planned for the remainder of the year.

Student Opportunities and Enrichment

We are committed to providing our students with a well-rounded education that extends beyond the classroom. This term, we have strived to offer a diverse range of opportunities and enrichment activities such as:

- The Blades Down Tour
- Amy Winehouse events
- Warrington Youth for Christ events
- B&Q Apprentice Assembly
- Year 11 Celebration Event
- Santa dash and festive jumper day – for ‘Save the Children’
- MacMillan cake morning
- Wear pink for Peace Day
- Christmas afternoon tea party for the community
- Open Evening



- Student Leadership Values assembly
- Rewards assembly
- Golden ticket fortnight
- Rowing
- Drama trips – Theatre productions
- Music trip – Bridgewater Hall Live Orchestra performance
- TCAT performs.

Assembly highlights:

- Remembrance Day
- Black History Month
- Mental Wellbeing Week
- Interfaith Week
- The Meaning of Christmas

Standards and Expectations Aligned with PRIDE Values

At Padgate Academy, we hold ourselves to high standards, and our core PRIDE values of Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Endeavour continue to guide us in our pursuit of academic and personal excellence.

This is celebrated daily through our rewards systems, assemblies, and our contact home with yourselves to celebrate students who have demonstrated excellent conduct and received our weekly letters home.

One of our key expectations is good student attendance. The greatest predictor of student achievement in school is positive attendance. This was never more evident than last year when our students demonstrated overall attendance above that of other students nationally and went on to achieve well. We are committed to working together to help your child achieve the best attendance they are capable of. If you need any support with this, please contact Miss Cooke, Attendance Officer via attendance@padgateacademy.co.uk

End of Term/Start of New Term Arrangements:

Finally, just a reminder that we close for Christmas at 12.15pm on Thursday 21st December and students are to return on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 8.25am.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a restful break.

Sincerely

Adam McMillan
Principal