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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first term together, I wanted to share how delighted I am with the start our Year 7 students have made to their secondary school journey.

Seeing them each day fills me with enormous pride. They have embraced school life with enthusiasm, demonstrating exemplary values, a positive attitude towards learning and a genuine commitment to our school community. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence, develop friendships and navigate this significant period of change. They are already making such a positive contribution to our school, and their maturity, kindness and determination are a real credit to them.

As we reach the end of term, I am beginning to notice a few more tired faces around school! This is entirely understandable given the excitement and demands of new routines, subjects, friendships and expectations. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for all the preparation, encouragement and support that have helped your children make such a strong start.

As a mother, I know how much goes into preparing children for each school day, offering reassurance and building their confidence through moments of uncertainty. Your role in their success cannot be underestimated. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us and for the partnership you have shown as we support your children through this important stage of their education.

I sincerely hope half term provides a welcome break from the daily routine, an opportunity to recharge and, most importantly, some much-needed and thoroughly deserved quality family time. I hope our Year 7 students return feeling refreshed and ready to build on the fantastic start they have made.

Thank you once again for your support. It is a privilege to be their Headteacher, and I look forward to seeing all they will continue to achieve as their secondary school journey unfolds.

With my very best wishes for a restful and happy half term.



Helen Simmons
Headteacher

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