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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a very positive start to the autumn term and there have been a wide range of activities put in place to support our wonderful students. This is having a good impact and has enabled the school to improve attendance, punctuality, behaviour and most importantly learning. Our students continue to make us very proud of how hard they are working and how focussed they are as we move towards half term.

## **Attendance Matters – Please help us to help your child!**

Over the next week, we will be having a range of rewards, including Amazon vouchers, VIP lounge treats and other rewards like jump the lunch queue and also free lunches for some students for improving attendance or 100% attendance.

For your child to qualify for these rewards, they need to be in school.

Teachers will be issuing rewards for students who have improved attendance, have shown excellent attitudes to learning, have demonstrated the 4Rs and are making positive choices, and being in school.

Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that as a whole school, our attendance continues to improve. The way that you can help us with that as parents, is ensuring that your child attends school every day and meets our expectations.

Attendance is hugely important at this time of year and lessons are very much still focussed on learning and teachers are delivering lessons that will help and support your child to continue to develop their knowledge and understanding in each subject.

We are also running competitions within Tutor Time for the best attendance and the most improved tutor group also. The winning tutor groups will be provided with a Headteacher Rewards Breakfast which will include, croissants, bacon sandwiches, drinks and other treats.

## **Open Evening – 28 October 2023**

It was wonderful to see so many families join us for our Open Evening this year. All members of staff and a wide range of students were involved in hosting Year 6 students, along with their families. There were lots of really high quality displays and activities that captured the excitement and imagination of everyone. The evening was a huge success and we had lots of positive feedback from parents.

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## Educational Visits

There have been a number of trips taking place this half term including Year 11 Geography Fieldwork; a visit to Lichfield Cathedral and the half term will finish off with a visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium for Year 11 Textile students and a trip to Stafford College for Year 10 students.

## Assemblies

There have been a number of assemblies that have taken place this half term on different subjects, some of which were;

- Celebrating International Day of Language
- Mental Health Awareness
- Exam Stress and Anxiety
- Black History

## Half term dates

Just a quick reminder that we have half term from Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November. Students will return to school as normal on Monday 6 November for the second half of the autumn term.

## Key Dates for Autumn Term 2

Key Dates	Activity & Reminders
<b>31 October</b>	<b>Application for Secondary School.</b> 31 October is the final date for Parents to nominate their chosen secondary school for entry into Year 7 for September 2024. More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx">https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx</a>
<b>30 November</b>	Year 9 Parents Evening
<b>6 December</b>	Flu vaccinations for all students
<b>22 December</b>	<b>End of the Autumn Term</b> Students finish school at 12.30pm

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family a restful end to our first half term back and a great half term when it comes.

Yours sincerely,

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