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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of the half-term I wanted to write to thank you for your ongoing support of Fairfax Academy and your child's education.

### **Half-Term**

A reminder that Fairfax Academy is closed from Monday, 15 February to Friday, 19 February 2021 inclusive. Students will not receive remote learning during that time other than homework set during this week. We would encourage our students to have a break from their screens during the half-term break. Remote provision will re-commence on Monday, 22 February 2021.

### **Free School Meals**

Parents in receipt of free school meal vouchers will have received an email regarding a change in voucher provider for week commencing 15 February 2021. The Government voucher scheme will resume from 22 February 2021.

### **Recognition**

I have been delighted by the number of recognition letters I have been able to send to students for engaging in their online lessons. Teachers have been pleased with how positively students have embraced the new way of working and have enjoyed delivering their Teams lessons. Please ensure your child is submitting work to their teacher in order to receive regular feedback.

### **ARKS**

Please remind your child to also complete the enrichment activities and work towards completing their Literacy Colours during this period. Participation and enrichment are important aspects of our provision at Fairfax, and it has been a pleasure to receive communications from Heads of Year regarding students demonstrating our values of ambition, respect, kindness and safety. If your child has done something that has made you particularly proud, please be sure to let their Head of Year know so that we can also celebrate their achievements.

### **Rudolph Run**

Well done to all students that took part in the bubbled Rudolph Run before Christmas. Fairfax Academy raised £2085.50 for St Giles Hospice.

### **Mental Health Support Resource**

Attached to this letter is a resource produced by Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP).

**Youth Council Seminars**

Sutton Coldfield Chamber of Commerce are holding a series of careers seminars over the coming weeks. All students are welcome to attend; a poster is attached for your information.

We hope all of our students have a restful half-term break. Staff at Fairfax Academy have been very proud of the resilience demonstrated by our students during this lockdown. Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



**MRS D J BUNN**  
**Head of Academy**

**Enclosures:** *BEP Resource*  
*Youth Council Seminars poster*