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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well and that students have enjoyed the first extended 8-week Autumn term of this academic year. It is with great pleasure that I write to share some of the remarkable successes and achievements that have taken place during this term at Fairfax Academy.

One of the most noticeable highlights of this term has been the exemplary behaviour exhibited by our students. In comparison to previous years, it is evident that our students have truly embraced the core values of ARKS: Ambition, Respect, Kindness, and Safety. Their dedication to these values, both inside and outside of the classroom, has been commendable and is a testament to their maturity and character growth.

Our staff members have also recognised and celebrated these positive qualities in our students. The number of positives awarded to students by our dedicated staff has been extraordinary. It is encouraging to see that our team is wholeheartedly committed to nurturing and reinforcing the ARKS values, fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. For context some figures of positives rewarded:

	Autumn Term 1 2022	Autumn Term 1 2023
Total positives	23,200	43,300

Spreading this positivity with students has had a real impact in their application to both the school curriculum and the wider extra-curricular opportunities provided.

In addition to this positivity, we have seen a real decrease in the number of negatives that have been issued, which is great news and evidence that students understand the expectations through our behaviour curriculum. Most importantly lessons are becoming disruption free.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your enthusiastic responses to the recent parental survey. The overwhelmingly positive feedback from our parents and carers, combined with the insights gathered from our student and staff surveys, demonstrates that we are heading in the right direction. Your input has provided us with the guidance and motivation to continually improve our educational programmes and support systems. The findings of the survey show:

- Students are happy at school.
- Students are safe at school.
- School deals with bullying effectively.
- We communicate well.
- Students' progress well.
- Schools informs of class progress.

As we look forward to the upcoming half term, I would like to remind you about the Fairfax Academy Eistedfodd, which will soon be in full swing. Auditions have already commenced this week, and we are excited to witness the incredible talents and creativity of our students. The Eistedfodd is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their skills, talents, and artistic endeavours. We encourage your active participation and attendance to support and celebrate their achievements.

Opportunities for personal development for our students through extra-curricular activities, trips and wider cultural events continue to be wide ranging at Fairfax. Please find further information via the link below to our newsletter 'In The Know'.

[In the Know 20.10.23 – Fairfax Academy](#)

To stay up to date with all upcoming activities and events at Fairfax Academy, please follow our official social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. These platforms provide regular updates on school life, and a glimpse into the daily activities of our students and staff.

Instagram - fairfaxacademy @FFaxPrincipal

X (Twitter) - @FFaxPrincipal

Facebook - Fairfax Academy

We are extremely proud of the progress we have made thus far, and we look forward to the continued growth and success of our Fairfax Academy community. We value your partnership and support in our mission to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Fairfax Academy, and we are excited about what the future holds. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We appreciate your involvement and look forward to an amazing year ahead.

Warmest regards



**SEAN CASTLE**  
**Principal**