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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of another term, it's hard to believe how quickly the past five weeks have flown by. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming students back, yet here we are, already reflecting on the successes and achievements of this short but impactful half term.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to your child's education. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and it's thanks to your collaboration with us that we continue to see remarkable progress and success at Fairfax Academy.

One of the most notable achievements of this term is the exceptional attendance and punctuality demonstrated by our students. I'm pleased to report that our attendance figures have remained nearly 2% above national averages, and punctuality has shown marked improvement compared to last year. This is a testament to the commitment of both students and parents alike, and we sincerely thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.

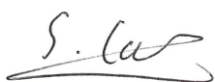
Moreover, I'm delighted to share that the overall atmosphere at Fairfax Academy continues to thrive, with negative incidents on the decline. Our pastoral teams have been working tirelessly to support students who may be struggling with behavioral issues, ensuring that disruptions to lessons are kept to a minimum. We firmly believe in providing guidance and encouragement to help students recognize and embrace positive behaviors, ultimately creating a safer and more conducive learning environment for all.

Beyond academics, our students have been actively engaged in a wide range of cultural experiences that enrich their learning journey. From participating in various sports, drama, musical and arts activities, to attending enriching visits to Symphony Hall, our students have been exposed to diverse opportunities that broaden their horizons and foster personal growth. Looking ahead, we're excited about the upcoming residential trips to Wales and Germany, where students will have the chance to immerse themselves in new cultures and create lasting memories.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all parents and carers for your ongoing support and dedication to the Fairfax community. Even amidst occasional frustrations, your commitment to your child's education is truly commendable. Please rest assured that we, as professionals, are dedicated to providing the best possible learning experience for your child and will continue to work tirelessly towards our shared goal of academic excellence.

Thank you once again for your continued trust and partnership. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming students back for another successful term ahead.

Warm regards



**SEAN CASTLE**  
**Principal**