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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the midpoint of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and celebrate the incredible successes and progress we have witnessed at Fairfax Academy. It has been a year marked by remarkable personal and whole school achievements due in part to our unwavering commitment to the wellbeing and success of our students. But also, importantly due to the close working relationship between Home and School. We really appreciate your support as by working together we will continue to improve outcomes for all our children.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this year has been the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received from student surveys regarding their perceptions of behaviour and attitudes towards learning. Your children's voices matter greatly to us, and we are thrilled to see their increased engagement and positivity reflected in these surveys.

Moreover, I am delighted to share that our efforts to raise standards and expectations have resulted in a significant improvement in attendance and punctuality. Currently, our student attendance rate is almost 1.5% above the national average, a remarkable achievement that speaks volumes about the dedication of our students, parents, and staff. Additionally, our punctuality rate stands at 2%, nearly half as good as last year and well above national figures. Thank you.

Behavioural improvements have also been notable, with a considerable decrease in negative incidents and the need for suspensions compared to previous years. This positive shift can be attributed in part to the invaluable resources provided in Refocus, in our Behaviour Hub and dedicated Mental Health Lead. These resources have been instrumental in supporting our students' ability to self-regulate as well as support their emotional wellbeing, particularly during these challenging times.

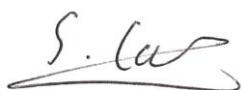
On the sports front, Fairfax Academy continues to shine, with recent victories in indoor athletics, hockey, and netball against other schools and most recently with our Table Cricket team becoming Warwickshire School Champions. These achievements not only showcase the talent and dedication of our students but also reinforce the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Beyond academics and athletics, our students are fortunate to have access to a wide array of extracurricular and cultural experiences. From exploring countries across Europe to discovering local points of interest, these opportunities enrich their educational journey and broaden their horizons. We are incredibly grateful to our committed staff who work tirelessly to make these experiences possible.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all parents and carers for your continued support of Fairfax Academy. Your partnership is invaluable to us, and we appreciate both the encouragement and constructive feedback you provide. Together, we can continue to strive for excellence and ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, let us remain committed to fostering a positive and nurturing environment where every student can thrive. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely



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Principal