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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of a very busy yet successful half term, I am writing to communicate key information regarding next half term.

As you are aware, good attendance is an essential part of helping your child to secure the very best results at school and, therefore, the very best opportunities later in life. Our mantra at Heanor Gate is "Aspire, Learn, Achieve", none of which can be accomplished without great attendance. Attendance forms a key part of our Team Heanor Value of organisation and its importance is something which is not lost on our students. We know that parental support is vital to achieving this excellent attendance and we also believe that outstanding attendance should be recognised and rewarded. This recognition took place as part of our celebration assemblies this week where students' attendance was celebrated alongside curriculum awards. Students who achieve 100% attendance next half term will be put in a prize draw in December to receive a substantial prize.

Last week saw our first double A point week which was centred around our Team Heanor Value of respect. Students who achieved the most A points celebrated with a rewards breakfast with Mr Jones.

As stated in Mr Jones' communication, I would like to thank you in supporting the school with the smooth transition to the pleated skirt. May I take this opportunity to remind you that students are not permitted to wear false eyelashes, nose studs or tongue piercings. Clear studs are not permitted and, if students wish to wear earrings, these should be single studs in the lobe of the ear.

During the next term, there will be an Immersion Day for Year 9 students where they will take part in a literacy-focused day - we have bespoke workshops and activities from a visiting author who will speak to our students about instilling a love for reading and show them how powerful poetry and the written word can be. We will also be launching Duke of Edinburgh with year 9 students; as I'm sure you're aware, it is a fantastic opportunity for students to build their confidence, resilience and independence skills and develop social skills such as teamwork and organisation. I will communicate with parents and carers when it is launched with all necessary information.

Assessment Week Reflections

It was a pleasure to see the level of effort and dedication Year 9 put into their first assessment week of the year. Many impressed me with their independence and willingness to learn from mistakes, with students making use of feedback lessons in order to exact meaningful improvements to their assessment answers whether improving subject specific knowledge or examination skills.

There has been a concerted effort from subject staff to ensure students are completing their homework and that there are ample opportunities for students to recap, revisit and revise content through homework and consolidation activities. In order to best prepare students for assessment week, we have designed consolidation weeks weaved through all curriculum areas and it was impressive to see the vast majority of year 9 students take on this consolidation work with the effort and positive attitude I know they can show.

The homework calendar for next half term can be found below:-

Number	Half-term	W/B	Subject	Time
9	1	4-Nov	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
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			Humanities	30
10	2	11-Nov	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
			MFL	30
11	3	18-Nov	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
			MFL	30
12	4	25-Nov	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
			MFL	30
			Humanities	30
13	5	2-Dec	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
			MFL	30
14	6	9-Dec	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
			MFL	30
15	7	16-Dec	English	30
			Maths	30
			Science	30
			MFL	30

Yours sincerely



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