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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this message finds you and your families well. Although this has been a short half term, it has certainly been a very busy and productive one across the academy. It is hard to believe that we have already reached the midpoint of the academic year.

It was a pleasure to speak with many of you at the recent parents' evenings and to welcome so many of you into school to see our new building in action. Further capital works have taken place in recent months and, when students return after half term, we look forward to opening our newly reconfigured S Block. This area has been thoughtfully transformed into a dedicated centre for PE and Performing Arts, alongside a designated sensory hub to support our more vulnerable learners. In response to student voice, there has also been some investment in additional dining space so that students have a wider range of spaces to spend their unstructured time.

Our second Immersion Day provided a fantastic opportunity for students to step beyond their usual timetables and engage in enriching new experiences. A particular highlight was the Year 7 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, where students braved the extremely cold weather to take part in first-hand learning about nature and conservation. Across the school, students participated in a wide range of creative and skills-based sessions, including rap and poetry workshops, employability activities, and practical technology experiences.

This week we also marked National Apprenticeship Week, welcoming external providers into assemblies to inform students about the diverse opportunities available across a variety of sectors. In addition, we were delighted to stage this year's school production of *Beauty and the Beast*. The efforts put into the production are growing year on year, and having seen the performance myself last night, I would like to commend all students and staff involved for delivering such a wonderful show.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. I would also like to extend my best wishes to the staff and students travelling to Austria for the annual ski trip — we hope you have a safe journey and a fantastic experience.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Jones
Principal