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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another productive week for Year 9 and 10, I continue to be impressed by the energy, involvement, and commitment from so many of our students.

★ Highlights of the Week

- We hosted our Open Morning this week, and it was fantastic to see our students once again stepping up to lead tours and speak so confidently about school life. The feedback from visitors has been extremely positive — a real reflection of the pride our students take in their school.
- The Year 9 and 10 girls' football match was a brilliant example of teamwork and determination. Every player represented the school superbly, and their resilience on the pitch was a credit to them.
- *Sister Act: The Musical* rehearsals have now begun, and it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity from those involved. The energy they bring to every rehearsal is infectious!
- Year 10 are also making great progress across their option subjects — it's encouraging to see so many of them taking responsibility for their own learning and striving for success.

Attendance (This Week Only)

- **Year 9:** 94%
- **Year 10:** 90%

Well done to Year 9 for maintaining strong attendance again this week. Year 10 — we need to push that number higher! Every lesson matter and being in school every day is key to achieving your best.

Behaviour & Expectations

A reminder that standards must remain high right through to the end of term. We have just one full week left before half term, and it's essential that **uniform stays smart and focus in lessons stay sharp**.

Unfortunately, I've noticed an increase in silly noises and low-level disruption, particularly from some Year 10 students. This behaviour needs to stop — it distracts others and undermines the excellent effort shown by the vast majority. Let's finish this half term in the way we started: focused, respectful, and proud.

♥ World Mental Health Awareness Day

Today marks *World Mental Health Awareness Day*, and this morning in tutor time students reflected on simple ways to 'Take 5' — five small moments of calm to support their wellbeing. Over the weekend, I'd encourage all students to take time to rest, spend time with people who make them feel good, and do something that helps them switch off from the busyness of the week.





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In that same spirit, I plan to 'Take 5' myself this weekend — enjoy some time with my partner, read my book, and try to recharge.

Finish strong. Stay focused. You've got this.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain high standards and celebrate student success.

Wishing you a calm and restorative weekend,

Miss K Jackson

Head of Year 9 & 10

