



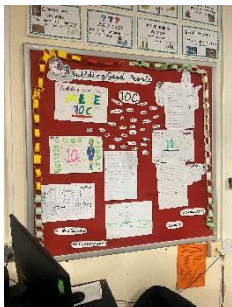
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've reached the final full week of this half term, and as always, there's been plenty happening across Year 9 and 10. I continue to be proud of how hard the majority of our students are working and the enthusiasm they bring to school life.

★ Highlights of the Week

- Miss Bliss and I visited Year 10 tutor groups today to judge the SEAL boards they've been creating over the half term. The standard was incredibly high, and it was great to see such creativity and effort. Miss Bliss will announce the winners in her weekly letter, and the winning tutor group will receive a prize on Monday!



- Year 9 will have their turn on Monday — I'm looking forward to seeing their boards and celebrating the hard work they've put in.
- Watching *Sister Act: The Musical* rehearsals yesterday was a real highlight. The energy, commitment, and talent on display were outstanding. I can't wait to see the finished performance later this year.
- Our sports teams have shown great spirit again this week, with students supporting one another and representing the school with pride.
- Finally, I want to acknowledge the everyday positives — students arriving on time, engaging well in lessons, and being kind to one another. Those small, consistent habits make a big difference.





Attendance (This Week Only)

- **Year 9:** 90%
- **Year 10:** 89%

For the first time this term, Year 10's attendance has dropped below 90%. We need to do better next half term — every day in school counts. Year 9's attendance is steady, but there's still room for improvement too. Let's aim to come back after the break with renewed focus.

Celebration Assembly & Behaviour

During our celebration assembly this week, most students represented themselves and the year group brilliantly. However, a small number — just eight out of 188 — did not behave appropriately or respectfully. I would really appreciate it if parents and carers could take a moment to speak with their child about always showing their best selves. The vast majority of our students set an excellent example every day, and I know we can all finish the term positively.

Behaviour & Expectations

A reminder to all students to continue meeting our high standards: be on time to lessons, listen respectfully, and engage fully in learning.

Year 9 girls in particular need to ensure they are using the correct toilets — the KS4 toilets are not to be used, and sanctions will be issued if this continues.

We have just **two school days left** before the break — let's make them the best two days yet. Keep standards high, finish strong, and head into half term feeling proud of what you've achieved.

“How you finish the race matters just as much as how you start it.”





Thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout this half term. I wish you all a restful and well-deserved break when it arrives.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

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