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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been genuinely lovely to be back in school this week after being off sick last week. Seeing both year groups again and hearing students talk so positively about their Christmas breaks, has been a real boost. I want to thank them for the warm welcome back; their attitude and kindness have not gone unnoticed.

Attendance This Week

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

Attendance at this level is not where it needs to be. January is always challenging; dark mornings, cold weather and post-Christmas fatigue are very real, but regular attendance is non-negotiable if students are to make strong progress. We need to see improvement from both year groups.

While this time of year can feel tough, consistency and a positive attitude towards school, learning and staff are essential. Behaviour matters. To echo our year group motto: *no one has the right to disrupt the learning of others*. High standards, respect and focus must remain at the forefront every day.

□ **Year 10:** Students should now be very close to securing their work experience placements. This is an important milestone, and I'm pleased with the conversations and effort I'm seeing.

□ **Year 9:** The options process is coming very soon. More information will be shared shortly, and students should begin thinking carefully about their interests and aspirations.

January sets the tone for the rest of the year. If students show up, stay focused and commit to doing their best, the rewards will follow.

Success is built on showing up — even on the hard days.

Today is my birthday, and I'd like to say a genuine thank you to the students who wished me a Happy Birthday — it meant a lot. I'll be spending the weekend celebrating with friends and family... while also coming to terms with the fact that I'm heading into the final year of my twenties!





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Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

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