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Dear Parent/Carer

Unbelievably we are now officially halfway through this school year. The dark months are behind us and the evenings are starting to get longer. I think it always feels better when the children are walking home whilst there is still daylight.

The first half of the spring term has seen lots of events taking place in both phases and children have been able to access a range of clubs and activities. The highlight is that our Year 9 Football team has reached the Ealing Cup Final, this is a tremendous achievement. They won a hard fought semi-final against Ark Soane by a single goal scored by Azaan Saraf. Jakub Jopek was named player of the match. We will publish details regarding the date and venue of the final once we have them.

From this point of the year our focus naturally falls onto all the pupils that have examinations and assessments in the summer term, whether that be Year 2 and Year 6 in the primary or Year 11 and Year 13 in the secondary. Additional learning opportunities will be put in place to ensure these children achieve the best possible results in these national exams. In the secondary phase this process starts with holiday interventions during this half term. If your child has been invited in for one of these sessions, they should have already informed you, it is really important that they attend.

The proximity of a holiday also means that I feel it is timely to remind you of the importance regarding your child's attendance at school. The expectation is that every child should be in school for at least 96% of the time. If your child's attendance falls below 90% (one day a fortnight) they are considered to be a 'persistent absence'. If your child falls into this category then you will be contacted regularly by our Home Attendance Liaison Officer or the Local Authority.

Positioned just adjacent to the Academy is a large field that is part of our school grounds. We use this area for a range of activities over the course of the year and your child may have attended a Forest School session there. Our sponsor Sir Alec Reed is making a donation to the Academy to transform this area over the next three years to provide an ongoing outdoor education centre. This is an exciting opportunity that will set us apart from any other school in London. I will provide more details as and when the plans for this land are confirmed.

Some key dates coming up after the holiday include:

- Monday 19th February – Pupils return to school
- Thursday 22nd February – Year 12 Parent Evening
- Monday 26th February – Year 11 Mock examination week
- Thursday 29th February – Year 7 Parental Engagement Event
- Monday 11th March – Primary assessment week
- Tuesday 26th March – Drop Down Day in the secondary phase
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring term. Early finish at 1.15pm for all children

I wish you and your family a restful half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO

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