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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another successful half term, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and commitment. This term has been filled with achievement, growth, and community spirit, and I am incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students.

Key Events and Highlights

This term has been packed with exciting and memorable events. Our students have participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, from sports tournaments to drama performances. Attendance at parent events has been impressive, especially considering the inclement weather that we face at this time of year. The Year 8 Mastery Evening was particularly well attended, with additional rows of chairs still not enough to accommodate all, leaving us with standing room only. The Primary Meet the Teacher mornings have been really well attended, informative and have underpinned the continuously improving conduit between school and home that is so important in the ensuring every child fulfils their potential. Moreover, the impact of our Secondary Drop Down Days continues to grow, providing valuable opportunities for personal development. Click on this link <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/x4sZAnxR03jwqOFy?ref=Link> for the third edition of our Newsletter which will provide an overview of all the key events that have taken place this half term.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of good attendance and punctuality. As we know, regular attendance is directly linked to academic achievement, and it is fantastic to see so many students making the most of their learning opportunities. I encourage all parents to continue supporting their child's attendance, as even short periods of missed learning can have a significant impact. Please also remember to inform the school office as soon as possible if your child is unwell or unable to attend school. We are here to support you in maintaining strong attendance.

I must remind you once again that I am unable to approve any requests for term-time holidays, even if they are to visit sick or elderly relatives.

Punctuality is equally important. Arriving on time ensures that students are fully prepared to engage in the day's activities and make the most of their lessons.

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Looking Ahead

As we approach the next term, I encourage all students to maintain their focus and continue working towards their personal goals. This is especially important for Year 6, 11, and 13 students, who are preparing for their summer examinations and assessments. We are also looking forward to many exciting opportunities beyond the classroom during Spring Term 2, including charity events to raise money for Save The Children and Comic Relief.

Website Update

Our new website will go live in February, and it will be much easier to navigate. A few pages may be marked as "under construction," and these will be upgraded during the course of the term. Once you start using the new website, please let us know using this email address enquiries@alecreedacademy.co.uk if you have suggestions for any further improvements.

Management of School Information

Over the weekend of 1st March, the academy will transition to a new provider for managing our school information. This change will improve systems, organisation, and communication. While we expect the transition to be smooth, I apologise in advance if you notice any glitches during the week beginning 3rd March. Over time, the new system will serve as a one-stop shop, hosting all aspects of teacher-parent communication, including reports, online parent evenings, and updates on behaviour and praise.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday, 24th February, for the start of the next half term.

Kind regards

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO