



21 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## END OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

We have arrived at the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. It has been wonderful to be back in school face to face for a complete half term and, despite difficulties brought on by illness (both Covid and non-Covid related), we have enjoyed being more or less back to normal. We are delighted that we have not had to send home year groups to be taught remotely, long may this continue. Particular highlights this term have been our Open Events, when I was able to meet parents and carers, both current and prospective, for the first time since I took up post in September 2020. I hope that we are able to do much more of this over the coming months.

I would like to take this opportunity to praise our students. I am reminded daily of how wonderful they are; polite, kind, friendly, communicative and eager to get it right and learn well. I am under no illusion that life remains tough for them still in terms of catching up on missed learning, establishing habits and routines that became unfamiliar during lockdown and re-connecting with friends and teachers. For many this has been exhausting and I hope this break affords them the time they need to recover and recuperate.

A reminder that tomorrow is an INSET day and therefore school is closed to students. Term resumes on Monday 1 November at 08:45.

Thank you once again for all your support.

My very best wishes for a relaxing half term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jen Veal'.

Jen Veal  
Executive Head teacher