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Dear Parent/Carer

Principal: Mrs N Walker

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to contact parents/carers once again to share with you some real highlights from recent times, as well as providing an outline of some of the things we have on offer following the break.

This half term has certainly presented challenges to us all, and I want to thank all parents, carers, pupils and staff for their continued efforts in support of the Academy.

Parent and Pupil Surveys – a summary of responses

I am really pleased to be able to share with all parents and carers a summary of our recent surveys for your reference. Thank you to all pupils and parents/carers who completed a survey. We hope that you find these a useful reference point and are able to see how the Academy has responded to the suggestions raised.

[Parent Survey Report](#)

[Student Survey Report](#)

Senior Leadership Parent Live Events

In recent weeks, we have also offered all parents/carers a weekly remote Parent Live Event to support parents and carers with the demands of home learning. These events have covered a variety of issues from mental health and wellbeing to ways to support with literacy and numeracy. I am pleased to report that since they began over 330 parents/carers have accessed these sessions. Our weekly Parent Live Events are set to continue after the holiday, and I would encourage as many parents/carers as possible to join these sessions or watch back the recordings.

Above and Beyond – we continue to be so proud of our pupils working remotely

I am really pleased to share with you that we have sent out over fourteen thousand positive messages of recognition to parents/carers via MCAS in the last 6 weeks alone. We understand how challenging the demands of remote learning are for our pupils, parents and carers and I hope that our continued recognition of pupils working remotely, has allowed families to celebrate the successes of our young people. We have seen some outstanding responses to remote learning this term, and would urge all of our pupils to – ‘Keep going – you are doing a great job!’

Extra-Curricular activities

As we look towards next half term, we are delighted to be able to offer a broader range of extra-curricular activities when we return after the half term break. These currently include our Accord Book Club, Science STEM club and The Young Chef club. Following student council feedback we will also be offering, Dramalama, Vocal Harmony, Art club, Fitness club and Wellbeing and relaxation group after the break.

We would encourage as many pupils to get involved in these activities as possible and whilst they cannot replace our usual after school clubs, we very much hope that they give all pupils a chance to come together around their shared interests.

Aspirational Speakers as part of our Shape your Future Programme

After the half term break, I am delighted to be able to announce that we have a number of truly inspirational speakers booked in to speak to our pupils about a variety of topics. We want to help our young people to look to the future and the brighter days to come! Amongst this group of speakers is, Jamie Peacock MBE. Jamie is considered one of the best rugby league players of his generation, having won every honour in the domestic game. Jamie will speak to our Academy community about leadership, goal setting, self-belief, attitude and honesty. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Jamie to our 'virtual' Academy after half term. Further details of this, and our other speakers will be shared with pupils, parents and carers following the break.

Once again, I would like to thank all of our pupils, parents, carers and staff members for their continued efforts and support during these challenging times. I very much look forward to re-opening the Academy after the break to both our pupils accessing our Emergency Care Provision on site, and those who continue to work from home.

Have a restful and safe half term holiday.

Best wishes,



Mrs N Walker
Principal