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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

As the half-term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the student and parent surveys that were conducted in the summer term. It was particularly pleasing to see that 93% of our students said that they felt safe in our school building and that 91% of students responded that they had not experienced bullying. This was also reflected in parent/carer responses, with 92% responding that their child felt safe in school. To further support parents and carers in keeping their child safe, we will be hosting a parent workshop on online safety in November. Details of this are included in the attached newsletter.

We always try to be as responsive as possible to feedback. 35% of parents said that they did not feel able to support their child's learning at home. To support parents and carers, we will now be hosting Key Stage 3 English, maths and science workshops to provide practical advice and strategies. More information on the first workshop can also be found in the attached newsletter. A number of parents commented on the high volume of emails from school and asked for a more streamlined approach to our communication. In response, we will be trialling a weekly parent bulletin next half term.

Over the course of the first half-term, we have been incredibly proud of the way in which our students have embraced our Ethos of Excellence. As you will be aware, we encourage students to be the best version of themselves every day, to work hard and to be kind to each other. As a school community we take every opportunity we can to reward students for doing the right thing and it is incredible to see that over the course of this half-term over 28,000 positive REACHpoints have been awarded. Today, we have held our half-term achievement assemblies and a large number of students will be coming home with certificates for REACH awards, our Be Kind awards, and subject teacher awards.

Our students are expected to wear their uniform with pride and we will continue to have uncompromising expectations with regard to our uniform standards. I am aware that some students may use the half term holiday as an opportunity to get their nails or eyelashes done. I would ask that on their return to the building students are mindful of our school rules regarding piercings, false nails and false eyelashes.

I very much hope you enjoy reading our newsletter for this half term. As you will see, it has been a busy eight weeks with students taking parts in a wide range of trips, charity events and enrichment activities. I hope you and your families have a safe and happy half term break and I look forward to welcoming your children back into school for what I am confident will be another successful half term.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr J Simpson  
Head Teacher