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Featherstone High School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Re: End of Half Term

Once again, time has flown since the start of this year, and it is extraordinary to realise that a full half term has raced past, and we are now at the halfway point of the school year. I continue to be impressed by your children because of their manners, their charm and their charisma.

It has been another very productive and positive half term. First and foremost, I have been enormously impressed by the focus of our pupils as they get on with their learning. The school is calm and purposeful every day and the school continues to be an authentic place of study.

In addition, we have had an extraordinary number of extra-curricular visits, clubs and visiting guest speakers to the school. It sometimes seems as if we are a school that never sleeps as so much goes on at all times of the day and evening!

Just this week to give an example, we have had Science week which has been a feature of every day; we have also had awards given at the Jack Petchey Achievement evening; visits outside of school to the theatre and to music competitions; there have been sports fixtures and as I write, there is a party of Featherstone staff and students in Ypres, Belgium. This is just a sample of what has been going on in just one week. I am sure you will agree that it is an extraordinary range of opportunities for our pupils and one that we will seek to build upon going forward.

As we look forward, I am aware following the Year 11 assembly this morning that Year 11 students have just 46 school days until their public exams start and it will just be a few days longer for the Year 13s. All of our students will have their ambitions for the coming months but for those in exam years, they must, as the idiom states, grasp the nettle, and use the next few weeks and months to make sure they do the best they possibly can. This means that this half term is a great chance to do some revision as well as get some rest.

A Note on Uniform

Please ensure that you use half term to replace or repair any items of uniform that may be missing or worn out as we will start the new term with our usual high standards. Anyone not in the full and correct uniform will be sent home to rectify the matter.

Finally

I hope you and your families use half term as a chance to refresh and rest and we can all look forward to the new half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Walters
Headteacher