



PDR/SMF

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

As I write to you now, we are in the final few hours of the Spring Term – and what a term it has been. If you recall, we came back after Christmas in the thick of the Omicron upsurge and for many weeks we were operating with huge numbers of students and staff off school. However, with everyone's support and pulling together as a team, we rode the storm and have had an excellent term in terms of wonderful learning opportunities, the reintroduction of school trips, over 70 buoyant extra-curricular clubs/societies, and the ever popular and competitive House system going from strength to strength.

One area I would also like to single out, is the charitable fundraising we have achieved this year. At a time when there is much difficulty for many families, particularly financial constraints, we started the year with a target of raising £5000 during this academic year. Bearing in mind we are now only 2/3 of the way through the year, I am delighted to report we have to date, raised over £14000, which is a stupendous amount. Thank you very much indeed for your wonderful support in this area.

You will be aware that we have had an Ofsted inspection this week and I thank you for completing the questionnaire sent out to support the inspectors. The report will not be published for a number of weeks, but in the meantime, we are already addressing areas we already knew about, that we wanted to improve in our usual way of continuous improvement. I would like to pass on some of the comments the team made to me:

- The students are wonderful ambassadors of their school,
- Behaviour was impeccable, even in situations where there were no staff on duty,
- Students had excellent manners,
- Throughout the 2 days, students were respectful, polite and courteous,
- There was a real sense of achievement,
- Students reported being proud to attend Heckmondwike Grammar School.

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The final point for me sums it up, and indeed, I couldn't be more proud myself than to serve Heckmondwike Grammar School as its Headteacher.

Whatever your plans for the Easter period, I do hope you have a wonderful break and have some nice family time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Roberts

Headteacher