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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As I watch the rain pouring down this afternoon as storm Babet passes through, it feels a far cry from the start of the term just 7 weeks ago when we were all enjoying the Indian summer. However, we have had a fantastic start to the year. Our new students in Year 7 and Year 12 have very quickly got into the swing of things and are now enjoying the fast-paced learning environment we pride ourselves on. Indeed, all our students have thrown themselves in to the demands of an academic curriculum and are progressing at a rapid rate.

However, of equal importance is our non Latin motto, of working hard and playing hard, and it has been wonderful to see the vast majority of our students taking part in the myriad of extra-curricular opportunities we have. This year there are nearly 80 clubs and societies, covering almost any area we can think of, and our students are thriving in school by being very busy.

The success of the school has always been built on the foundations of the teamwork between, school, students and parents and once again, I would like to thank you all for your unflinching support. It is invaluable and always very much appreciated.

With one more week to go before the half-term break, please can I remind you on Thursday next week, the 26, we will be finishing school early at 2.15pm in order to fully prepare the school for the Post 16 Open Evening. You are all very welcome to attend and we are very grateful to the many student volunteers who act as excellent ambassadors on the night. And then on Friday, 27 October the school is closed to students as we are holding a staff training day.

I do hope whatever your plans for the upcoming break you get some time to relax as a family and we look forward to the new half-term starting on Monday 6 November.

Yours faithfully

Peter Roberts

Headteacher