



END OF TERM MESSAGE TO OUR LOVELY FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a busy half-term and an even busier last week, I wanted to get in touch in addition to my weekly Newsletters as this has been an important week for us all.

As you know, we had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Although we have been expecting them for some time, it is always an extremely busy (and emotional) process for staff and students. Especially as everybody has worked so hard over the last several years to transform our lovely Academy. When any school has an Ofsted inspection, staff naturally want to ensure they have everything in place and are ready for this – working many additional hours to prepare. The report will not be published by Ofsted for around 30 days, and we will look forward to sharing their findings in more detail when it is released.

- Apologies again to Year 10 families for having to postpone their Progress Evening. I'm very grateful for the understanding by families on why this decision was made. This Progress Evening will now be on Tuesday 12th March.
- As you know we had to close for the snowfall on Thursday which is never an easy decision – especially as these never please everyone. It is heart warming to receive the lovely messages from those who appreciated our staff looking after their children into the evening when some families could not come and collect. This is all part of our 'family' ethos and indeed commitment.
- When we return, our lovely Year 11s will be in prep mode for their next mock examinations. They should be utilising their revision guides and [study pack](#) – alongside [GCSE Pod](#). All other year groups should be utilising their [Knowledge Organisers](#) (they have them printed also) to ensure they are in the 'learning mode'.
- It has been a pleasure to have received our usual planned external visitors and partners and the accolades we have received about our awesome school – particularly that of the lovely, respectful, calm and purposeful environment that staff and students create. It's an absolute privilege to be part of and serve this community.

Yours with love

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