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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another half term, I want to express my sincere thanks for your continued support. The past few weeks have been full of hard work, achievement, and positive steps forward, and our pupils have again shown a real commitment to their learning.

Last week saw the spectacular performances of our school production “Crazy For You”, which was the culmination of weeks and months of hard work and dedication. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the many pupils who worked so hard in the school orchestra and backstage with staging, lighting and sound, as well as those front and centre on the stage. A sincere thanks also to the many staff members who worked so hard, without whom this fantastic opportunity would not be possible, with a special thanks to both the Music and Drama departments.

We have a number of school trips taking place over the half term break, with pupils travelling to both Berlin and New York which I am sure they will enjoy.

In-line with all other schools in the city, we will be transferring over to a new management information system, “Arbor” during the half term break. There will be no direct impact for you or pupils as we will continue to use Class Charts for the remainder of this academic year. Class Charts will still allow you to monitor merits and behaviour points, view attendance information and report absences. Furthermore, ParentPay will also continue to be the main platform for both school communications as well as paying for school trips and topping up lunch accounts. For next academic year, we will be looking at a new parental app linked to Arbor but further details on this will be available later in the year.

Attendance and wellbeing remain key priorities for us. Your partnership in encouraging good routines, supporting learning at home, and communicating with us when concerns arise makes a genuine difference. Thank you for your continued support.

The next half term is a short but busy one, and I would like to share with you some upcoming key dates:

- School Eisteddfod for Y7 & Y8 pupils on Thursday 26 February
- Y8 Parents evening – Tuesday 3 March 3.45pm – 6.30pm
- School Inset Day – school will be closed to pupils - Monday 9 March
- Y13 Parents evening – Tuesday 10 March 3.45pm – 6.00pm

- Y11 Exam information evening – Monday 16 March 5.00pm
- Y10 Exam information evening – Tuesday 17 March 5.00pm
- Y12 Full written reports issued – Friday 20 March
- Y12/13 Exam information evening – Monday 23 March 5.00pm
- Y10 Full written reports issued – Wednesday 25 March

Finally, a large number of our students will be observing the start of the holy month of Ramadan which commences during the half term break. I would like to wish these students and their families Ramadan Mubarak.

I hope you all enjoy a restful half-term holiday and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 23 February.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Thompson', written in a cursive style.

SIMON THOMPSON

Acting Headteacher