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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of a busy and productive half-term that has seen the academy operating at its best. The highlight of the term was almost certainly the 3 days of Matilda performances that happened in the middle of March. I attended the opening night with my daughter who declared the show a “ten out of ten” performance - a review that I completely agree with. As I was leaving the performance that evening a parent stopped me and expressed their view that the academy had some exceptional young people attending who had delivered a wonderful show. It will come as no surprise that I also agree with the sentiment of this observation - we are privileged to work with over a thousand incredible young people who excel every single day.

In addition to the Matilda performance we have also seen all of our Year 7 students complete their first piece of fieldwork at Holmebrook Valley Park, a group of Post-16 students competing in the regional Robotics tournament and a select group of scientists took part in a trust-wide science fair at Outwood Academy Shafton in Barnsley. We welcomed a premier league referee into the academy last week to talk to all of our sports students about the requirements placed upon elite level officials, it was fascinating to learn about the restrictions placed on his diet as well as the physical and mental training that he goes through in order to stay match ready.

This term has seen a significant number of visitors to our academy to see the high quality work that our students do and the hugely positive culture that has been developed over recent years. If you haven't been into our academy recently then I would encourage you to do so - the behaviour and attitudes of our students as well as their academic successes is vastly different from the perception that people have of schools if they read or watch the national news. This week I am welcoming a group of senior leaders from a school on the South coast of England as well as the Mayor of Chesterfield to see just how impressive your sons and daughters are.

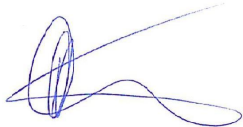
The next term is always the most significant for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they complete their external exams. This is a challenging time for these young people and therefore they need to manage their physical and mental wellbeing in order to perform at their best. The academy will be putting on a series of events throughout the term as well as our traditional “wobble week” that is

filled with wellbeing activities to support young people in managing the pressures of the exam season. My advice to all students, not just those facing public exams, is to take time in the Easter holidays to switch off from school and enjoy being with friends and family. If you keep a record of my letters to you then you will know that I spend the Easter holidays every year in the Scottish highlands and islands enjoying clean air and long walks with my family and our dog - this year is no different and I very much look forward to returning recharged and ready for action. Please do ensure that your sons and daughters get an opportunity to enjoy the good weather and spend time outside just being children!

I hope that you are pleased with the information that you find in the Praising Stars reports that have been issued today. Your sons and daughters will be able to give you further information about what they have done well at and what they are proud of in each of their subjects. If you have any questions regarding the reports then please email the academy (enquiries@newbold.outwood.com) so that we can respond prior to the Easter break.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back into the academy on Tuesday 22nd April at the normal time, aiming to be on site for 08:15. There have been no updates to our academy uniform expectations for this term, but I have taken this opportunity to re-share a letter regarding updates to the uniform policy which will be in place from September 2025.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Southern
Principal