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Dear Parent/Carer,

The academy will close for half term at 2.30pm on Friday 24th October. It has been a busy and productive half term in which students have worked hard and taken part in the wide variety of additional enrichment opportunities available to them. As we come to the close of term there are a number of issues to update you about:

Buildings update

We are very hopeful that the new toilets will be ready for after half term. Once these are opened we will have two lunch sittings at 12 noon for years 9,10 and half of year 7 and 1 pm for years 8, 11 and the other half of year 7. During our extensive refurbishments, I am pleased to say that students have been very mature and responsible throughout the whole process.

Lockdown Procedure

After half term we will be leading a lockdown drill. Please discuss this with your child as we do not wish to create anxiety. Whilst it is very unlikely we will ever need to activate the lockdown procedures for real, it is important that we educate students in what we would do if a potentially dangerous situation did occur.

Uniform

Thanks for your ongoing support with school uniform. We do not want to waste valuable learning time dealing with uniform issues. Please check the website for what is permitted. Trousers with flares are not allowed. Jewellery is not permitted. Please book any jewellery appointments for next summer. All pupils must have a bag to keep their books, planner and pencil case in so that they are ready and prepared for learning at the start of the day.

Attendance

This has improved this term. We really appreciate your support with this. Every year the outcomes show that those with good attendance (greater than 95%) do well in our academy. Students with poor attendance (less than 90%) do not achieve well and therefore limit their options and their life chances. We want every student to do the best that they can and attending school every day is the most important factor in this.

Finally, I hope that you have a lovely half term. The next half term will start at 8.20am on Monday 4th November.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Abram
Principal