



Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all well and have had a lovely weekend. We've almost reached the end of our third half term, and it's certainly been another busy one.

School closes to students at the normal time on **Friday 21st February** and reopens on **Monday 3rd March**. As always, attendance remains a pivotal focus, and I would like to take this opportunity to issue a heartfelt thank you for the efforts and cooperation that we have received thus far in ensuring that your child/children arrive each day and access their education. This year, we have had our strongest start to an academic year, and whilst I do not wish to single out any cohort, I feel that I must say a huge well done to year 11 who have the best attendance of any year group that we have seen in a long time! With this in mind, we hope that your support continues because, really, it is you who has the biggest impact. Therefore, it goes without saying that attendance is expected right up until the end of the half term, as will all of our attendance initiatives that have reaped so much success. Each child is set the attendance target of 96% because this is the figure that has been proven to have the biggest impact on academic success; please take the time to check your child's current attendance % on their Easi account and if you require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact us. As we approach the break, students may look to convince their parents that they won't miss anything at school if they have the "odd day" off. This is absolutely not the case and their overall attendance % can be easily impacted; lessons will continue as normal until the final bell, and it is imperative that all students attend.

Please see below for a reminder of the key dates for next half term:

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| 19/2/25 | Year 9 Parents Evening |
| 3/3/25 | Year 11 mock examinations begin |
| 12/3/25 | Year 8 Parents Evening |
| 18-20/3/25 | Little Shop of Horrors production |
| 26/3/25 | Year 7 Parents Evening |
| 3/4/25 | Year 9 Options Evening |
| 8/4/25 | Musician of the Year |


9/4/25 Year 11 reports sent to parents

11/4/25 School closes for Easter

28/4/25 School reopens

I hope that you and your families enjoy the half term break next week and look forward to seeing you at some of our planned events. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mrs N Falconer
Head of School