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Dear families,

As we draw a close to the first half-term, I wanted to write and celebrate the successes that our students have had since September. Between them, students have achieved a massive 92939 achievement points since returning, which is brilliant. Equally, attendance has also started strongly. I know it is sometimes challenging when young people have minor illnesses to encourage them to attend but I appreciate everyone's efforts in doing so. Golden Tickets are being given out left, right and centre and there is great excitement building towards our end of term draw (possibly more so for the skip the dinner queue passes than the big prizes!).

Each Monday, I deliver an assembly to all students within which I celebrate the successes that our students have had not just in school but outside too. This half-term alone they have included sporting successes such as gold medals in martial arts and swimming competitions, cross-country success and students achieving their black belts, as well as students meeting artists and people they look up to, and students raising money for charity by doing sponsored walks or cutting their hair short. I love receiving these stories to celebrate with the whole school, so please keep them coming. Our students are amazing!

In school, we have already had a range of trips and visits including the Valencia residential, Yorkshire Wildlife Park and the Year 7 Walesby visit to name but a few. Our sporting year has also begun with the football season starting, including the Year 8 girls starting their title defence, and basketball and netball fixtures. We have also had our Trust Winter Games events which saw our first ever boccia tournament which our boccia team absolutely loved.

Wider events have included our Year 9s being involved in the National Careers Competition run by Natwest Bank. The facilitators said that they were hard pressed to think of a better engaged set of students nationally! The Brilliant Club has begun again and our Year 12 and 13 students have been involved in University-related events. Such experiences are so important in developing the wider and holistic student.

I remain immensely proud of the work and efforts of staff and students in making school such a great place to lead, and there are lots of things to look forward to next half-term, including our Christmas Fair which will take place on

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4 December. Essential to these successes is your support for what we do. Thank you for this continued support as it makes the world of difference.

I wish everyone a restful break and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 3 November.

Warm regards

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

Mr G. Hillyard

Head of School