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## Principal Letter (8)

**24th October 2025**

Dear Parent/Carer,

It feels hardly believable that we have now come to the end of the longest half-term. It has been a hugely successful start to the academic year with open evenings, parent forums, mentor evenings, information sessions, theatre events, trips, fixtures and so much more. This is on top of improvements we have seen in behaviour, in and out of lessons, as well as significant changes to the way students are wearing our uniform with pride. Some of these successes are shared in the updated Heron newsletter which I hope you find an opportunity to look through over half-term.

This week Mr Hughes has been leading assemblies talking to students about our high expectations and why these are so important. I will be leading assemblies for all students, on their return from the break, to ensure we maintain positive momentum as we enter a busy half-term. The Year 11 practice exams begin on the 17th November, and there are a variety of other events as we speed towards Christmas. Please check the updated list of events and dates at the end of this letter.

As we enter the colder and darker months please can I remind you that the uniform policy requires students who wish to wear a jumper to have one that is plain black and V-necked. We encourage all students to travel to and from school in a coat and some prefer to do so in other style jumpers as well. The expectation is that all students are in full school uniform whenever they are in the building and banned jumpers are not worn at all during the school day. Thank you, as ever, for your support with this.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable and hopefully relaxing half-term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November.

Kind regards,

**Ian Stoneham**

Principal

**Key dates this term:**

- 27th–31st October: Half term
- 3rd November: Term begins
- 17th November: Parent Forum (2)
- 17th–27th November: Year 11 Practice Exams
- 28th November: Non Pupil Day (Staff Training)
- 3rd & 4th December: Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 11th and 12th December: Christmas show
- 19th December (1pm): Term ends
- 5th January: Spring Term starts for all
- 8th January: Year 11 exam information evening