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> Mr David Samson Headteacher

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## Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank you for all your continued support as we work together as a school community transforming young people's lives.

We've had an extremely successful half term with the majority of students focused on learning and doing their absolute best every single day.

There have been many impressive events that have taken place this term as a result of the hard work, dedication and resilience of our staff and students. Students have been on school trips to London, The University of Cumbria, Poland and Swifts Nature Reserve to name but a few. Our Geography students successfully completed their field work in Newcastle and our Drama students have enjoyed a trip to the theatre in Keswick. Our sporting teams have had countless successes in a myriad of cups as they progress to the next stages. We were also amazed that 80 students braved the wilds to successfully complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition.

In school we have been delighted to welcome visitors such as the Archbishop of York as well as representatives from BAE Systems to work with our year 7s. They will be working with our year 8s next half term.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Year 7 and Year 11 information evening. Our staff are looking forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming parent's evening. In school our year 11s have also enjoyed the benefits of MADE revision sessions as we begin to prepare for the first full set of mock exams.

Thank you to those who have come out and supported our current school show, 'Mary Poppins'. We have been incredibly proud of our students and staff and their dedication to the show.

Finally, I enclose with this letter a copy of our SIAMS Inspection Report. We are delighted to say that the inspector was highly complimentary about our school community and the work we are undertaking. As you will see from the report, we are meeting the expectations on all lines of enquiry.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready to work hard over the next half term.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Samson Headteacher