

23rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been a busy and rewarding first half of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the many achievements across our school community.

### **Celebrating Attendance and Positive Attitudes**

Firstly, we are delighted to share that attendance this half term has been excellent. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school every day, ready to learn. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in progress, wellbeing and success - and it is wonderful to see so many pupils embracing this.

Across all year groups, students have demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning — showing curiosity, resilience and a genuine enthusiasm for their subjects. It has been a pleasure to see classrooms full of energy and engagement.

### **A Warm Welcome to Year 7**

A special mention goes to our Year 7 students, who have transitioned into secondary school life exceptionally well. Their confidence, positivity and kindness have made them a brilliant addition to our school community. We are so proud of how quickly they have settled in and how enthusiastically they have embraced new routines and opportunities.

### **Enriching Experiences and Opportunities**

This half term has also been packed with enriching activities designed to broaden horizons and inspire ambition. Highlights include:

- Creative visits to Lush to explore sustainability and business in action;
- Geography field trips that brought learning to life outside the classroom;



- Aspirational visits to Bournemouth University, encouraging students to think ahead about their future pathways; and

These experiences reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a well-rounded education that develops both academic skills and personal growth.

### **Focus on Year 11 and Year 13 – Mock Exams Ahead**

As we look ahead to next half term, we would like to remind Year 11 and Year 13 students and parents that mock examinations will take place shortly after we return. These are a vital opportunity for students to practise under exam conditions and identify areas for further development before the summer exams. We encourage all students to use the half-term break wisely — balancing rest with structured revision. A focused effort now will make a huge difference later in the year. Revision timetables, practice papers and support sessions are all available, and staff are on hand to offer guidance where needed.

### **HPQ**

Our year 10 students have made an excellent start in their HPQ lessons. A quick reminder of how the program is running. We are focusing on teaching students project management skills until Christmas. From January to June 2026, students will independently complete their self-directed projects, which will be performance-based (e.g., presentations, performances, videos, events or animations). The aim is to build confidence and broaden their understanding of their chosen topics. Parents are encouraged to discuss and support their child's project ideas and progress. In light of this, please be aware they need to choose their topic this side of Christmas. The more they talk about their ideas the easier it is for them to put this into practice.

Moreover, thank you for your continued support this term. Our students' success is built on a strong partnership between school and home, and we are incredibly grateful for the encouragement and engagement of our families.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to another exciting and productive few weeks ahead when we return on Monday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Midworth  
Principal