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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the half-term.

When we return from the holiday, our students will be starting a new timetable with their new teachers. This is an important time for your child, especially those in year groups starting their optional subjects or entering their final year at secondary school.

There is much to celebrate this half-term:

- There has been a buzz of activity throughout the school as we prepare for the final exams. There are still three weeks of exams to go after the half-term and although we have said farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students on study leave, we know that there is a lot of hard work still to come. Our teachers will continue to work with them, and we wish all our students the very best over the next few weeks.
- It has been a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to our forums over this half-term. The feedback has been helpful and provides important insights as to how you would like to see the school grow and develop.
- We have welcomed theatre companies into the school to showcase live productions of the key texts our students are studying.
- There have been several trips this half-term. Our students have visited the Bear Grylls experience, participated in rewards trips (for students who shown excellent effort and dedication to their studies), and competed in a cricket tournament at Edgbaston Cricket Centre.
- In recognition of the exam pressure that many students experience at this time of year, we have delivered an important programme for mental health awareness.

A few important dates for your diary:

- The school will re-open to all students on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 8:25AM.
- Year 8 (formerly Year 7) parents/carers evening on Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Week beginning 8th July 2024 will host our long-anticipated trust-wide performance of the musical Annie, combined with our annual Creative Arts evening.
- Year 11 (formerly Year 10) parents/carers evening on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.
- Break up for summer holidays on Friday 19th July 2024.

On behalf of the school, I wish you and your family a safe, restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr H. Derry
Principal
Waverley School – Secondary & Sixth Form