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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the first half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in helping your child re-integrate back into school. We are still living in very challenging circumstances but the manner in which the pupils have responded to the change in their timetables, movement around school, the wearing of face masks and other COVID safety measures, has been quite magnificent. To thank the pupils for all their efforts this half term, I have agreed with the Student Council that on Friday 23rd October, pupils can attend school in non-uniform. At the end of the day they will return to their form rooms to spend time with their Form Tutors celebrating the successes of this half term. They will be dismissed at their normal times.

During the last few weeks, Years 7 -10 have been undertaking assessments to determine what gaps in knowledge may have occurred during the time when pupils were not attending school. The results of these assessment have been shared with Year 7 Parents, and it is my intention that Years 8 -10 will receive them in a similar manner. Results will be sent home prior to the Consultation Evening when parents will be contacted via Teams/phone call to discuss how well your child has settled back into school. Following these assessments, a programme of 'Catch Up/acceleration' will be put in place in order to support the pupils achieve their progress grades. More details will be sent to you after the half term holiday.

Year 11 will start their mock examinations after half term on Monday 2nd November. Parents and Pupils have received a timetable; and revision classes have been well attended before and after school. The results of these mock examinations will be shared with parents before the end of term.

I would like to invite parents to attend an informal 'Drop In' evening where members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available to answer your questions. Under normal circumstances I would have invited you into school but unfortunately this is not possible, as I am sure you understand. More information about this will be given to you next half term.

Throughout the last two weeks pupils have been donating food items in response to an appeal to help support families in our local community and the Great Barr food bank. I am immensely proud of the pupils for the kindness and generosity that they have displayed, the amount donated is truly amazing. On behalf of all the recipients may I thank you for your support, so many families in our community will benefit.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable half term. Please ensure that your child continues to adhere to social distancing and other preventative measures. We have been fortunate that during this half term we have only had one positive covid case, and this is largely due to the pupils and staff adhering to the strict measures that have been put in place.

Have a safe and restful break, we look forward to welcoming you back on 2nd November.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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