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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a busy but brilliant half term. A huge well done to our incredible new cohort of 285 year 7 pupils. The year group have been incredible and added so much joy, enthusiasm and energy to our school community. Their 97.9% attendance has also been a big plus - keep it up!

The half term has been full of highlights, from external speakers, school performances, sports fixtures, trips and visits as well as new initiatives being launched right across the school.

I wanted to make a point of thanking everyone for embracing the new legislation around mobile phones in schools: mobile phones have had to be turned off and in school bags between 8.35am and 3.10pm. This has been very well adhered to by pupils, but I thought I would share a bit more information.

On average, we have had 1385 pupils on site every day. As a rule, we have, on average, had 3 mobile phones to deal with on any given day. If they are seen (and this can just be that they are in a pocket, or a blazer), then they are confiscated.

- The first time it happens, a pupil will collect their phone at the end of the day
- If it happens a second time, then the phone needs to be collected by a parent or guardian
- If it happens for a third time, then a pupil must hand the phone in every day for the rest of the academic year.

This half term we have:

- 62 students on a 'first strike'
- 28 students on a 'second strike'
- 8 students handing their phones in every day

I wanted to thank everyone for their support and backing as we keep making big improvements.

Clearly, you will have noticed all of our noise and focus around attendance. We have done well this half term but will be redoubling our efforts during the lead into Christmas. Every lesson, every day, counts.

Please ensure that you and your family have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing everyone on **Monday 2nd November for a crisp 8.30 start**. Remember that breakfast club starts for everyone at 8am in the main hall and the main school gates open at 8.20am.

Have a fantastic week and see you all soon.

Warmest regards

Mr T Marston
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