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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As we come to the close of another term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the progress we have made as a school and to express my thanks for your unwavering support and collaboration.

Attendance:

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your collective efforts in ensuring that attendance remains a priority. As you know, regular attendance is crucial for our students' academic success, and this term, we have seen a marked improvement in this area.

Your commitment to ensuring your child's presence at school has contributed significantly to the progress we have made, and I thank you for working with us to maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality. This positive trend will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on our students' achievements.

Year Group	2025 - Year to date
Year 7	93.4%
Year 8	91.7%
Year 9	93.7%
Year 10	90.3%
Year 11	90.2%
Year 12	96.5%
Year 13	91.0%

Year 11 Outcomes:

As we look towards our Year 11 students, I am pleased to report significant progress. The commitment and hard work demonstrated by both students and staff have been commendable.

The results of recent mock exams and ongoing assessments are a testament to their dedication and focus. We continue to refine our approach to supporting Year 11, and the feedback from staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive.

Together, we are positioning them for success as they approach their final exams. I appreciate your support in encouraging your child to stay focused and engaged during this crucial period and would request you continue to instruct year 11 students to attend the additional Year 11 P6 after the Easter break, especially with exams beginning in May.

Culture Across the Academy:

In addition to academic success, we have also made great strides in fostering a positive and inclusive culture across the academy. Our emphasis on respect, responsibility, and resilience continues to shape the ethos of the school, creating an environment where all students feel valued and motivated.

This is not only reflected in the classroom but also in the wider school community. I am proud of the atmosphere of mutual respect and the efforts students have made to contribute to this vibrant culture, based on the values of 'The Sutton Way'.

Your involvement, whether in attending school events or supporting our initiatives, has played a significant role in nurturing this environment.

Uniform:

Your support in sending your child to school in the correct uniform helps us to maintain a positive and focused learning environment. The pride our students take in their appearance has a direct impact on their mindset, and I believe this is reflected in their engagement and commitment to their studies.

Likewise, ensuring that students come to school with the necessary resources and equipment allows them to make the most of every lesson and maximises their learning opportunities. These two points will continue to be a focus in the new term.

External Visits and Validation:

It is also important to highlight the recent external visits we have had at the academy. We were fortunate to receive positive feedback from visits from both the Director of Secondary Education and the Trust Executive Principal, who visited the academy to assess our practices and outcomes.

Their feedback has confirmed that we are on the right path in many areas, and their validation of our efforts is both humbling and encouraging. These external assessments not only offer us valuable insight but also serve as a testament to the hard work and dedication that all staff, students, and parents/carers put into making this a school we can all be proud of.

As we move forward into the next term, it is important to note that there is still hard work to do; collectively we have the power to achieve great things. I want to reiterate my thanks to you all for your continued support. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of our students, and I am excited about the progress we will continue to make in the months ahead.

Thank you once again for everything you do to support your child and our academy. I wish you a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing you all in the next term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L. Taylor Principal