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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you mid-way through an incredibly busy and productive term.

We have already enjoyed Black History Month, McMillian Coffee Morning and numerous extra-curricular activities. You will see from our Twitter feed that we have started the academic year as we mean to continue; in a vibrant and exciting manner.

Thank you, as always, for supporting my staff team with efforts to promote and maintain the highest of standards. Uniform, behaviour, homework, punctuality and attendance are the foundations upon which academic achievement is built. By embracing and reinforcing our high expectations, you are contributing significantly to your child's success.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about e-safety and the importance of using social media responsibly. Please monitor and filter your child's internet use. Whilst 21st century technology and mobile devices have so many benefits to learners, they can also create serious safeguarding concerns and facilitate bullying. Please remind your child that they leave a digital footprint of evidence, should they choose to post malicious or inappropriate content. If you need advice or guidance about keeping your child safe on-line, please do not hesitate to ask us.

For your convenience, I would like to highlight some key dates for the coming weeks:

Exam Week	Beginning Tuesday 21st November 2017
Academy INSET Day	Friday 24th November 2017 <b>(School closed to all students)</b>
Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunch	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017 <b>(Non-uniform)</b>
End of Autumn Term	Friday 22nd December 2017 <b>(Students leave at 12.15pm)</b>
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 9th January 2018 <b>(Students return at 8.25am)</b>

Finally, further to my previous requests, please ensure that your child goes directly home at the end of the school day. With the dark evenings upon us and the Christmas congestion rapidly approaching, let us work together to make the commute as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Brant', is written over a white rectangular background.

Mr Brant  
Headteacher