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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a busy and productive half term, I would like to highlight some of the fantastic initiatives being championed by our staff and students.

January and February saw a number of important themed events, including FGM awareness workshops, Holocaust Memorial assemblies and Safer Internet Day. Our students engaged magnificently with all of the activities, again demonstrating that we are not just about academic excellence.

The 'Bikeability' scheme has enabled many of our younger students to develop their cycling skills and highway code knowledge. Those of us who recall cycling proficiency tests will fondly remember being taught how to cycle safely on roads for the first time. The feedback from our Y7 students is that they have learned a great deal from the external tutors and will now ride with greater confidence and understanding.

We are currently enjoying an LGBT celebration week. As you know, we pride ourselves on valuing diversity and respect in our academy. There is simply no place for hatred or discrimination in our society and we know that our students are passionate about social justice. We have a number of events planned to highlight and celebrate the historic struggle for equality and acceptance faced by many people in our community.

This week you will also receive a joint letter from West Midlands Police and our academy. This is regarding an important city wide project to combat and prevent knife crime. My headteacher colleagues and I are committed in our support for the Police in their efforts. We ask that you read the letter carefully and discuss the potential dangers with your child.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we break up on **Friday 16th February at normal time**. Students return at **8.25am on Tuesday 27th February**. I wish you all a safe and relaxing half-term holiday.

As always, thank you for your support and kindness.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A Brant'.

Mr A. Brant  
Headteacher