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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you all had a restful October half term break. It's been a wonderful first week back, and we're pleased to see students returning refreshed and ready to engage in the busy weeks ahead.

This week, we focused on a few important themes as part of our commitment to fostering a positive and supportive school environment.

Anti-Bullying Week: "That's Not Banter"

We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with assemblies across all year groups, introducing our new phrase, "*That's not banter.*" This message is part of our ongoing efforts to address and prevent low-level bullying, helping students distinguish between harmless jokes and words or actions that can hurt others. We encourage all students to be mindful of how they interact with one another and to speak up or seek support when they experience or witness any form of unkind behaviour. We're confident this phrase will help reinforce a culture of respect and empathy throughout the school.

Resetting Expectations

To ensure a strong start to the new half term, we held *Reset Behaviour Assemblies* for all students. These assemblies served as a reminder of our school's expectations and the importance of being ready and prepared to learn each day. We believe that by setting clear and consistent standards, we create an environment where every student can thrive. We encourage parents to continue to support these expectations at home by helping students stay organised and focused on their studies.

Wear it Pink Day

Thursday was a special day in honour of what would have been Brianna's 18th birthday. Students and staff wore pink to celebrate her life. It was inspiring to see so many of our community participate, showing kindness, solidarity, and compassion. Thank you to all who took part and contributed to making this day meaningful.



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Just a couple of reminders; Our parent forum coffee morning was a great success, so we are making this a weekly event. The event will run every Thursday morning, from 8.45am to 9.15am in the Year 11 Canteen (formally the College building).

Come along for a relaxed chat over tea, coffee, and breakfast, and share your thoughts with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. Together, let's continue to make a positive impact on our school community. We can't wait to see you there!

Unfortunately, we had an IT issue with the school shop on Parent Pay, this has been rectified and the shop is now working fine.

There is still time to make your payment for Wear it Pink for Peace Day. It would be wonderful if we could have all donations in as so far, we have less than half of what we should have collected. The link is still live on Parent Pay for those who wish to pay.

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Take care and best wishes,

Mrs Mills