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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of the first half-term of the academic year, I wanted to reach out to share some wonderful developments and celebrate how our students have continued to demonstrate God's Work of Art within our school community this term.

It has been a remarkably busy and productive period. We successfully adapted our school day on Wednesdays to ensure consistency across the week, establishing a reliable six-period day structure for all students, giving more time for enrichment opportunities for Key Stage 3 pupils.

Our new Year 7 students have integrated exceptionally well into secondary school life. This was highlighted brilliantly during our recent Open Morning, where over 400 students—many of those in Year 7—showed off the school to prospective students and their families to experience St. Paul's Academy. Several of our Year 7s took to the stage to share their personal transition experiences, accompanied by fantastic student tour guides. Thank you to all the families and students who turned up in such large numbers to support our school.

Across all year groups, I have been thoroughly pleased with the array of trips and competitions our students have participated in, ranging from academic debates and sports fixtures to regional maths challenges. Academically, our Key Stage 3 students have completed their crucial baseline assessments in Years 7, 8, and 9, while our Year 10 students have made a strong start to their GCSE courses. Meanwhile, our Year 11s are preparing for the half-term break with a clear focus on revising for their upcoming mock examinations, paving the way for their terminal summer exam series.

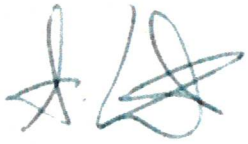
As October draws to a close, we have also been celebrating Black History Month. To mark the culmination of this, we are thrilled to host our Culture Day on Friday, 16th October. Students are invited to dress in their national and cultural attire, keeping in line with the guidance that will be shared regarding appropriate heritage clothing. We have an exciting cultural afternoon planned, featuring arts, crafts, a talent show, a cultural fashion parade, music, and food—a true celebration of cultural diversity from all continents of the world.

When the half-term break arrives, we encourage our students to rest, recharge, and complete any extended home learning tasks over the two-week holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday, 2nd November**. Please remember that our school gates open from 7:45 AM for our breakfast club, with line-up commencing promptly at 8:20 AM for tutor time and assembly before Period 1 begins.

As always, we expect all students to uphold our behaviour and uniform policy: to be ready for learning, to respect themselves and one another, and to remain safe within our environment so they can truly grow and flourish.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. A. Innocent
Principal