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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half term. It's nice that so many boys have said how happy they are to be back.

I'd like to start with an apology for the closure of the school on the last Monday (5th February 2024) before half term. Unfortunately, the school experienced a break in in the early hours of the morning resulting in major damage to several areas of the school. Closure of the school isn't something that is done lightly but due to health and safety concerns and the fact that these areas were crime scenes we had no option but to close. However due to the fantastic work of the staff and help from the trust (specifically Dr Witham the CEO) we were able to get the school up and running again by the Tuesday morning. Let's hope that this half term is less eventful.

Mock Exams

At the end of term pupils in Year 11 undertook their mocks in preparation for their exams in May and June. Part of the reason for mocks is to give pupils the opportunity to experience exam conditions, more importantly it allows teachers to identify any gaps in pupils learning. The boys worked really hard and their results and predictions will be sent out this week to parents.

Trips

Last half term school introduced trips for pupils who achieved over 70% of their daily points. The trips, chosen by the pupils were as follows:

Years 9,10 & 11: Paintballing at Dalby Forest

Years 6, 7 and 8; Laser Tag at Dalby Forest

Primary: Point Zero trampoline park

Unfortunately, due to the to the severe weather (Dalby Forest was closed due to snow) these trips had to be cancelled and will now take place this week on Thursday (22.02.24) for Primary and Friday (23.02.24) for years 6-11.

Key Dates Update

School reopens after half term: Monday 19th February 2024

Training Day: Monday 4th March 2024 **Red Nose Day:** Friday 15th March

School closes for Easter: Friday 22nd March 2024

Red Nose Day

The eagle eyed amongst you will have seen that I've included Red Nose Day in the list of key dates. It's important that our pupils develop a wider understanding of citizenship in action. What better way to do something to fight poverty for communities here in the UK and around the world than through humour and fun. More information will follow shortly.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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