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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding half-term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and share some of the opportunities and achievements we have celebrated at the school.

A group of Year 11 and Year 12 students greatly enjoyed their recent visit to the Houses of Parliament, while a group of Year 8 students have begun The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme, developing their academic skills and exploring future possibilities. Year 9 students have also started their journey on the University of Birmingham's Forward-Thinking programme.

Careers education has been another highlight, with events and visits including the Year 8 employability workshop at the EY Foundation in Birmingham and the higher education and apprenticeship event at Edgbaston Stadium for Year 12 students. These experiences help students make connections between their learning and the opportunities available beyond school. Please take time to read our monthly Careers Newsletter for further information on our careers work in the school.

I was delighted to hear that **just over 50% of students attended an enrichment activity last week,** either at lunchtime or after school. We want every student to find something that interests and inspires them, and we encourage everyone to get involved next half-term.

We have also celebrated sporting success in cross-country and dodgeball. Congratulations to all those who represented Hillcrest with determination, enthusiasm and pride.

Across these activities, it has been wonderful to see students putting our values into practice: **Work Hard; Be Kind; Aim High.**

All students return to school on Monday 2 November, ready for registration at **8:45am**.

I am also attaching a letter from West Midlands Police, which I have been asked to share with you.

I wish you and your family a safe and restful half-term. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely

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