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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin a new half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share a few important updates from across the school.

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to our Year 11 pupils and Year 13 students, who are currently in the midst of their GCSE and A Level examinations. They have approached this important period with determination, resilience and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment they are demonstrating. Equally, I would like to thank our staff and families for the support, encouragement and guidance they continue to provide during this demanding time. We wish all of our Year 11 pupils and Year 13 students every success as they continue with their examinations over the coming weeks and hope for lots of good news stories come this summer.

I would also like to share some staffing news. As many of you will know, Miss Davey has now begun her maternity leave. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to wish her the very best as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

To ensure continuity for our pupils and families, Mr Sidhu will be stepping into the role of maternity cover for Dawley House. Mr Sidhu is already well known to our pupils through his current position as Assistant Head of House and has developed a strong understanding of the systems, expectations and day-to-day responsibilities associated with the role. I am confident that his experience and commitment to our pupils will ensure a smooth transition and continued support for all members of Dawley House.

Finally, as we return for the second half of the summer term, I would like to ask for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. In particular, I would like to remind families of our jewellery policy and our expectations regarding footwear:

- Pupils are only permitted to wear small stud earrings to be worn in the lower ear (**no other jewellery is permitted**),
- All shoes should be smart black leather shoes

For further guidance on what uniform is deemed acceptable, please see the section on our website [Uniform - Smestow Academy](#). These standards help to foster a sense of pride, belonging and readiness for learning, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring pupils arrive at school correctly dressed each day.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a successful and productive half term ahead.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Chamberlain', written over a light blue circular background.

Mr I Chamberlain
Headteacher