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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
Headteacher: Mrs H J Phillips

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are approaching the end of another busy half term which has seen many of our students involved in examinations. The support of parents during this period has been invaluable and I would like to thank all of you who have helped your children to prepare properly at home, thereby adding to the work they have been doing at school. Our most successful students are those who work hard and are encouraged to do extra work at home by their parents.

There have been lots of other activities too, as you would expect, with our Debating Teams continuing to perform brilliantly in national competitions, our intermediate team winning the Youth Speaks competition and our senior team finishing second after a split decision, great success in the Future Chef Competition reaching the regional finals, National Theatre company performances and workshops in school, theatre trips outside of school, a visit from The Anglican Youth Fellowship Choir and Band of Uganda, our school choir singing for Princess Anne, a successful Book Fair, continued success for our year 8 Netball Team who are Champions of the Wigan District again and winning the Holocaust 75 Flames competition with our students' design chosen to represent the Wigan borough at an exhibition in London.

This is just a flavour of some of the opportunities that our students have been able to get involved in to support their well-rounded education and I'm very grateful to all of the staff who provide so many exciting and varied experiences for our students.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to emphasise the importance of good attendance and punctuality to school. It's preparation for working life and habits stick. That is why it is so important to get into good habits now. Children are, of course, sometimes too ill to come into school and as parents and guardians you will know when this is the case. You will also know when it is not and we rely on your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day that they can. Many of our students have 100% attendance and they are to be commended for this; I suspect that many more are capable of achieving this exemplary record.

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Uniform

Please support us with high standards of uniform. We are seeing an increasing number of students arriving to school with a hoody under their blazer or a hoody in place of a blazer. A hoody is not part of our uniform. If additional protection against inclement weather is needed this should be a weatherproof top coat please. Thank you to those students who always arrive at school dressed smartly in their full school uniforms; this is more often than not a good indicator of overall attitude to school and learning.

I wish all of our students a good and safe half term break. We finish on Friday 14th February at the normal time of 2.50 pm. We re-open on Monday 24th February at the normal time of 8.30 am when I look forward to welcoming them all back.

Yours faithfully



Mrs H J Phillips
Headteacher