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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to share that our first half term has been a highly positive one. Our new Year 7 students have settled into school exceptionally well and their passion for learning is truly inspiring. Meanwhile, our Year 10 and Year 12 students have embarked on their new courses with determination and enthusiasm. Despite some challenges with the weather, our school environment remains calm and orderly, fostering an excellent atmosphere for learning for all.

Students in all year groups have spent time in lessons completing baseline testing to check their current academic progress. This testing will help us to determine groupings as an ongoing process. There will be changes to be made at half term for Year 7 and Year 11, therefore new timetables will be given to families and students prior to the break.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all parents and carers for their support in getting students ready and prepared with the correct school uniform and equipment. Your support is vital in ensuring that we have a successful and productive school year ahead, where we can focus on teaching and learning. We will be having a clear focus on uniform and jewellery following the half-term break so that we ensure that our high standards remain.

Every day is important at school, and we would like to remind families that the expectation is that students are in school every day. When students are not in school, contact must be made on each day of absence. Not all absences are authorised by the school and as such we do require evidence for medical appointments. In terms of illness, not all illness absences are authorised. Please check the information on our school website and within our attendance policy for guidance on this. We are always on hand to support good attendance, however where unauthorised absence reaches 5 days, advice will be sought by Education Welfare Services which may incur Fixed Penalty fines, or pathways formal prosecution for families. Attendance matters!

We are closing for half-term on Thursday 26 October at 2.45pm and reopen on Monday 6 November. Thursday 26 October will be a non-uniform day; families are asked to donate £1 in support of The Hinge (our local charity). Our recent Harvest Festival celebrations included food donations for them.

Finally, can we please remind families about our Class Charts System, where you can access all attendance, sanction, and reward information for students. You can also contact staff through this system. We will be using this system as our main communication method as we move forward, so it is important that you are able to access it.

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Many thanks for your continued support. As ever, please contact the school via Class Charts, admin@bridlingtonschool.org or your child's Year Team if you need further assistance with anything.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs K Parker-Randall
Headteacher**

