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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: 'FinhamFest gears up' (April 2025)**

I hope this letter finds you well and that you were able to enjoy a restful and restorative Easter break with your families. As we return to school, the longer days and brighter weather bring with them a sense of renewal and fresh opportunity; a chance to reset, refocus, and build positively on what has already been achieved this academic year.

The Easter holiday also offered a moment to reflect on the broader changes happening both nationally and globally. From ongoing shifts in educational policy to the challenges and opportunities created by global events, our role as educators remains to provide stability, encouragement and clarity for our students, amidst a constantly changing world. We continue to prioritise character development through acts of kindness, enabling students to demonstrate ambition, ensuring they are not only academically prepared but emotionally equipped for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents, staff, and students for the incredibly kind words and messages I've received following the announcement of my move to a new headteacher role in September. Your support and generosity have always been greatly appreciated by me, and I remain fully committed to leading Finham through this final term with energy, care and dedication.

This week has seen the exciting launch of our passport to FinhamFest, which has been met with great enthusiasm from our students. As many of you will remember, this initiative was hugely successful last year. It allows us to celebrate those students who consistently make the right choices (by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing) by giving them priority access to the FinhamFest activities and rides. Because we need to stagger the release of students onto the field for safety reasons, the order of release will be determined by behaviour and punctuality data from this term. This gives every student a fresh opportunity to reset and demonstrate their best selves. It's a powerful way to underline the importance of everyday choices and the real rewards that come from positive behaviour and commitment.

We're also very excited to introduce a brand-new element to FinhamFest this year: our 'Battle of the Bands'. This will showcase the incredible musical talent within our school community and from schools across the region, providing students with a platform to perform, celebrate creativity and enjoy healthy competition in front of their peers. It promises to be a fantastic addition to what is already a much-loved event and will run into an evening concert on the field. More to follow on this.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a successful and joyful summer term together.

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