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Dear parents/carers

Somehow another term has passed in the whirlwind that is life in a school. It has been wonderful to see our students thriving in so many different contexts and making the most of the many opportunities on offer.

Highlights from this half term include international trips to Krakow and Austria, World Book Day, our first ever KS4 Success Evening and the many sports fixtures that take place each week after school.

We have been encouraged by the really positive feedback about the changes we are making to the curriculum for students in Year 9 and younger. We are carrying out the final checks to the Year 9 preferences with subject leaders and will carry out a couple of timetabling modelling exercises before confirming these with students next half term. We are pleased to report that as it stands, 99% of students have been allocated their first choice, 90% their top 2 choices, and 55% their top three.

Yesterday, I shared with staff the bittersweet news that Ms Kovacs, our director of SEND, will be retiring at the end of May. Ms Kovacs has worked at our school for 10 years, and during that time has had a profound impact on the lives of hundreds of students and staff. Her knowledge, experience and deep care for others have been evident throughout her time at Finham Park. Discussions have already started about the leadership of our SEND provision moving forwards. We will share further information with parents/carers and students in due course.

As we look forward to the summer term, it is great to see our Year 13 and Year 11 students working hard in preparation for their examinations. We trust that the Easter break will be both productive and restful. Planning is on-going to make sure the support for our students around the exam period is as impactful as possible.

Next term we have several of our big community events taking place as usual. Year 6 transition day falls on Wednesday 1 July and I know many of you will have younger siblings joining our school. Information about FinhamFest has just been released – please do sign up over the next few weeks as this really helps us plan and ensure the event is as special as possible. Our annual sports day falls on Tuesday 7 July and we are also in the process of planning our Finham Flame event – a new celebration evening championed and led by members of our Head Student team. This will take place 6-7.30pm on Wednesday 8 July.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Easter break.

Kind regards

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