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Dear Parents/Carers

This term has yet again passed quickly and I would like to thank you for your continued support. The record breaking GCSE results in the summer indicate we are continually improving; providing a good education for the children of Halstead and the surrounding area and making progress to achieve our aim of being "an outstanding school in the heart of the community."

The recent Achievement Awards Evening celebrated the success of former students. We were delighted Mayor, Shirley Diver, was able to attend and present the awards. Many of the students have progressed to post-16 studies or apprenticeships and it was fantastic to hear their stories of new challenges and future plans.

As normal at the end of each term there are staff changes a variety of reasons. We say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Howkins (English) and Ms Holroyd (Business Manager) who take maternity leave. On behalf of the students, staff and Governors I would like to offer them our best wishes for the next few months.

We have a number of new colleagues who have joined us during the term. Mrs Brown, Mrs Berkane and Ms Todd have all joined the Learning Support Department.

I would also like to that this opportunity to inform you that Mr Leys, Deputy Headteacher, will be absent from school for an extended period of time due to illness. We all wish him well for the next few months.

The final day of this term is Wednesday 20 December with students being dismissed at 12.00 noon. A reminder that the first day back for students in Year 7 - 10 is Wednesday 3 January 2018. However, Year 11 students will be expected to attend school on Tuesday 2 January at 9.45 a.m. to complete study skills workshops as part of their final countdown preparation for GCSE examinations. A separate letter will be issued with specific details next week.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are working hard to encourage our students to have high aspirations and pride in themselves as well as the school. Please support us by ensuring they attend school on time, are fully equipped for lessons and wear the correct uniform.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Rob James
Headteacher