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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you for all your support so far, this academic year. I am very conscious that we have made a lot of changes, all aimed at improving the Academy, and I greatly appreciate your understanding. As a result of your support and our increased expectations, students here are really thriving.

We have insisted on **no swearing** in the Academy, and we log this on ClassCharts. We also have a **clear “hands off” corridor strategy**, which helps keep students in lessons, learning where we want them to be.

Our new uniform is smart, and we are so proud of how students wear it with pride. The Academy is focused on ensuring the absolute best for each student. We are quick to reward students when they get it right and ask all our staff to maintain a **90% positive to negative points ratio**. Staff are keen to reward and always give students an opportunity to reset and try again.

In half term one, we ran more trips than ever before. We also have **26 after-school clubs** running, from gaming to cricket and art. They are extremely popular, and I am very grateful to the staff who give up their time each week to run them.

We have also provided opportunities such as **BDAT Be There** for our Year 7 students, who will attend in January next year to celebrate together.

In addition, we held **BFA Got Talent**, where 70 students and acts made it through to the final. It was a fantastic evening on Wednesday 10th December, celebrating the students' talents.

On Thursday 11th December, we also celebrated **Awards Evening** for last year's Year 11 students. It was a lovely evening, showcasing their individual and collective achievements.

We continue to celebrate students' achievements with **Golden Tickets** during the last week of term. This is a real opportunity to highlight all that students accomplish day in, day out.

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Lastly, I want to thank all the families who reached out to pass on their condolences when our Catering Manager, Gary Middleton, sadly lost his life during the October half-term holidays. The students were a true credit to the Academy in how they responded and supported staff during this difficult time.

As you know, I will be leaving at Easter to relocate closer to family. As I head into my last term as Headteacher of BFA, I do so with a great deal of pride and sadness. I am very much looking forward to celebrating your child's successes with them and with you next term.

I wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** from all of us at BFA!

Warmest Regards

Gemma Earles

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Principal

Merry Christmas 
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



From everybody at

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