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Dear Parents/Carers

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As we come to the end of the half term, and the halfway point of the academic year, I am writing to you to share some important information and reminders.

This week, all students have been involved in House Achievement Assemblies, to celebrate positive attendance, achievement and participation. This has been one of our big drives since returning in September and it is important, we recognise and reward our students who simply do as they should each and every day by demonstrating the Oakwood Student values.

We also led assemblies of the importance of staying safe in the community, especially important as we embark on a school holiday and students will be away from school. I encourage you to talk to your child/ren about how they are looking after themselves whilst away from school and home.

A reminder all students return to school on Monday 20th February – all students should be on site at **8:40am.** A reminder too that all students are able to receive a **free breakfast** in the dining room between 8am and 8.35am. We encourage all students to come along and have a healthy start to the day.

Please ensure that your child is prepared to return to school with full school uniform and full equipment. Following a school holiday, we often see a spike in students wearing jewellery and/or make-up plus other elements of their appearance that is not allowed such as false nails, false eyelashes etc. Please ensure your child returns to school in an appropriate manner following the school uniform policy so we can start the new year in a positive way. Please also ensure that you child does not bring air pods or headphones of any type into school. If they use them on their commute to school, just like mobiles phones, they must be off and away whilst on site or they will be confiscated.

Finally, can I remind you of the importance of attending school every day and being punctual both at the start of the day and between lessons. If your child is absent OR late for school they are missing learning.

Thank you for all of your support during the first half of the year and on behalf of all staff at The Oakwood Academy have a great break,

Thank you

Yours sincerely



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A Gilbert Headteacher