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Dear Parent/Carer

HALF TERM HEADLINES

As usual, this has been an action-packed half term with numerous successes, which we have shared with you in our weekly Newsletter. On 8 May, Ofsted inspected the school and I am looking forward to sharing the official report with you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff and Governors, as well as the wider Sharples community, for their support during the inspection. It was a great team effort, which enabled us to show our visitors the fantastic work that takes place in our school every day.

As we approach the end of half term, we are in the middle of GCSE exam season. Our Year 11s have shown great resilience and positivity in the face of significant pressure and we are very proud of them all. To support them with their remaining exams, we will be running our usual "Whit School" with a number of additional learning sessions taking place during the half term break.

From September, we will be introducing "School Gateway", which will further enhance our communication with parents and carers. You will have already received a "School Gateway" information letter and it is important that you sign up as soon as possible to enable you to access the cashless system to pay for school lunches and trips, in addition to many other features. I would like to thank you in advance for your support with the transition to this new system.

On a final note, I would like to remind you that, as stated in our school calendar, Tuesday, 4 June 2019 is a non-pupil day to enable staff training to take place.

I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned half term break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school no later than 8.45am on Monday, 3 June 2019.

Yours faithfully

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