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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you and your families are well. I wanted to thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We really appreciate it. We have had a great term in the Sixth Form, with students continuing to work hard in lessons and contributing exceptionally well to the wider life of the school as we move through the school year.

It gives me great pleasure to write to you today about the amazing achievements that our Sixth Form students have accrued over the past term. It is always an honour to praise those who have achieved so much, and I am extremely proud of all the Sixth Form students at St Mary's. They are a group of young adults who have shown an incredible amount of dedication, hard work, and resilience over the past few months.

The Sixth Form students have been consistently impressive, putting their all into achieving in not just their academic subjects but in their extra-curricular activities, super-curricular activities, Student Leadership Scheme activities and mentoring and volunteering involvement. Our Sixth Form students always show a desire to make a positive impact on the world and on our community at St Mary's, and they have worked tirelessly to achieve their goals. It is a pleasure to watch them grow into responsible and confident individuals who are ready to take on the world.

One of the things I appreciate most about our Sixth Form students is their commitment to serving others in our school community. They have volunteered to serve others in our Mentoring and Volunteering Programmes, in our Student Leadership Scheme and in so many aspects of school life, organized fundraisers, and taken part in various outreach programs. In addition to our weekly charity activities our recent Lenten Fayres and Sixth Form Culture Days have raised over £600 for good causes. The students in our Sixth Form always show that they care about the world beyond themselves, and are willing to put in the work to make a positive impact. I would encourage students to immerse themselves further in Sixth Form life and take any opportunity that will allow them to develop a broad skill-set, to prepare for upcoming applications to university, apprenticeships and the workplace.

One of the aspects of the Sixth Form we are extremely proud of is our Sixth Form Dress Code. Our Dress Code ensures that our Sixth Form students lead by example in school, as mature young adults who are role models for our younger students. It also helps to create a purposeful, academic environment in which our students are able to achieve highly, both academically and holistically. Unfortunately, in the past, we have had the odd student returning after a holiday without fully following the Dress Code. In addition, students must ensure they are only wearing one ring and one pair of stud earrings as jewellery. I would be grateful if everyone can ensure that all students, without exception, adhere to the Sixth Form's expectations in this area. The students will be reminded about this too. Please contact me if any clarification is needed of Sixth Form Dress Code expectations.

Many thanks again for your ongoing excellent support. I am sure that next term will continue to build on the successes of the previous two. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through the e-mail stated on the letterhead above. I wish you a happy break with your friends and families.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Turnbull**  
**Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form**