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Dear Parents/Carers

Let me start by thanking you all for your support over this first term, which has been

a very different one for us all. As I mentioned in my last communication, it has been great to see so many students meet the challenges we have faced head on, and the fruits of their hard work and excellent attitude are starting to flourish. The key character values we have challenged our students to show are being demonstrated by a great number in our year group, none more so than kindness and compassion, which I’ve witnessed on multiple occasions. This has created a great atmosphere within the Academy, one which is a shining light in a year so full of dark and difficult times.

It is with another character value in mind that I write to you now, which is that of courage. On the week beginning the 11th January, Year 9 students will be taking their exams. They will need to meet them head on, fully prepared in the correct way. I would ask that you remind them that the best way to prepare for these is to make sure that they take part in regular revision, so that they can achieve a grade which best reflects their hard work and effort that has gone into this first term. While the temptation for some will be to ‘cram’ before the exam itself, this is proven to not be the best way. In school, students have received lessons and assemblies on retrieval practice and metacognition, which discussed the ways in which students retrieve information and identify what it is they know and don’t know. Lessons from this will be a great tool for the students to use in preparing themselves for their exam and hopefully give them the courage to do their best.

As always, if you have any further questions regarding this or anything else regarding your child’s education, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards



Mr Moran

Head of Upper KS3