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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Principal; and it has been both an honour and a privilege getting to know our amazing students and hard-working staff.

I started the term outlining the importance of good behaviour, manners and the wearing of our Academy uniform with pride. 'Dress to impress' has been my mantra for a number of months now, and traditional values within the context of our forward thinking organisation matters.

October saw us raising money for The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust through our Black History Month Charity Concert. This involved some of our very talented students and staff. A number of our Year 11 music students and Drama Club members, including Charlotte Westwood and Francis Lim performed 'All of me' by John Legend and our own Head of Performing Arts Mrs Lawson, showcased her beautiful singing voice.

October also saw us launch 'The Brilliant Club', a gifted and talented initiative involving three academies across The Shared Learning Trust. Chalk Hills Academy launched the programme which gives students the opportunity to complete University type projects and undertake visits to Russell Group Universities. Sophia Basra, Miguel Lim, Sana Ali and Saric Lewington are among our talented participants.

With sponsorship from the RFU, our Academy has rugby ambitions! Our talented PE staff secured a £20K deal to kick-start a programme involving a three-year package of support and resources, including equipment and access to RFU coaches. One of our students Collins Kamau said: "This is brilliant. We have new rugby shirts with England team RFU logos on, and are already improving as players. There's a real buzz about rugby round the school now, it's great".

Children in Need day in November saw us hold a non-uniform day involving staff and students. Everyone was encouraged to wear 'spotty pyjamas' for the day and we raised a tremendous £1,106.56 for this most deserving of charities.

Our Academic Review Day in November was exceptionally well attended, and again may I thank all parents and carers for their support and attendance at this event.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents and staff for their hard-work and support over the past term. I wish you all a restful break over the forthcoming holiday season.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs L Lee
Principal