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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update at the end of the first half of the Spring term.

Our students have once again been exceptional, fully embodying our core values of excellence, respect, personal responsibility, and gratitude. During my visits to various lessons, I was particularly impressed with the students' attitude towards learning, their completion of assigned work, and their resilience when faced with challenges.

In addition to their work in lessons, we have provided numerous opportunities for students to expand their horizons and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for a happy, successful, and fulfilling life. Many students have taken advantage of these opportunities, which include:

- A group of Year 8 students participated in the Institute of Energy and Technology Faraday competition, hosted by the Skegness Academy. Our team delivered an excellent presentation.
- A group of Year 9 and 10 students successfully competed in an inter-academy basketball competition in Nottingham.
- A group of Year 7, 8, and 9 girls excelled in a netball competition.
- A group of Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 students participated in a football tournament against Skegness Grammar School.
- The Skegness Academy Debate Club attended the Cambridge Schools Debate Competition in Cambridge.
- Year 11 students went to Nottingham to watch 'Poetry Live' at the Royal Theatre, where they not only had the opportunity to hear the poems they study at GCSE but also ask questions to the poets.
- Our Sixth formers successfully completed peer mentoring training and have begun working with Year 7 students. We have already seen a positive impact on the attendance and behaviour of the mentored students.
- The history department organised a workshop for Year 11 on World War I, focusing on weaponry and the chain of evacuation.
- As usual, we celebrated the many successes of our students during 'Fantastic Friday', which takes place every Friday.
- All students with attendance of 95% or above and zero negative points this half-term enjoyed Domino's Pizza this week.

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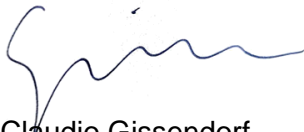
There will be more exciting opportunities for students to participate in during the upcoming half-term.

At the Skegness Academy, our goal is for every student to acquire the knowledge, skills and qualifications necessary for a happy, successful, and fulfilling life. Therefore, I ask for your support with the following:

- Please ensure that your child attends school every day. There is a strong correlation between attendance and academic performance. Evidence shows that students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school achieve the best GCSE results.
- Please ensure that your child meets your high expectations for behaviour. It is important that students return to school in full uniform. Please note that students may wear a simple watch (no smartwatches) and up to one pair of small ear studs (one stud per ear lobe) only. No other jewellery is permitted. Additionally, students' hair should be kept neat and tidy, and extreme hairstyles such as extremely short hair, shaves, emblems or lines, unnatural hair colours, or extreme differences in length are not allowed. Furthermore, all students are required to have a clear pencil case containing a black or blue pen, a red pen, a pencil, an eraser, and a ruler, as well as a sufficiently large rucksack to carry all schoolbooks and required equipment for the day.

I wish everyone a relaxing half-term break and look forward to seeing all students fully equipped and in proper uniform back at school on Monday, 19 February 2024.

Yours faithfully



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**Principal**

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