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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support of Camp Hill Girls. The start of the academic year is always a busy one, and I am grateful for the partnership we share in supporting our students to settle back into the rhythm of the academic year.

Huge congratulations go to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, who have settled so positively into life at Camp Hill Girls. Starting a new school or a new phase of education is never easy, but they have embraced the opportunities available to them with enthusiasm, confidence and maturity. I also hope the Year 7 students who attended the Condover Hall residential in September had a wonderful time. Alongside the inevitable tiredness that follows a residential visit, I hope they returned with happy memories, new friendships and increased confidence. My sincere thanks go to the staff who accompanied the trip and made it possible. Giving up several days in the middle of a busy half term is no small undertaking, and their commitment helped create an experience that students will remember for years to come.

It has been a busy and rewarding half term, characterised by the energy, generosity and community spirit of our students and staff. Across the school, students have immersed themselves in lessons, enrichment opportunities, trips, performances, competitions, charity events and leadership activities. Time and again, they have demonstrated the qualities that make our school community so special. As always, there have been far more achievements and experiences than I could possibly capture in a single letter, so I would encourage you to read the latest edition of *The Chronicle*, which provides a wonderful snapshot of student accomplishments and events from across the school.

Our Year 13 students have worked incredibly hard over recent weeks as they prepare and submit their UCAS applications. Completing university applications alongside the demands of A Level study requires considerable commitment and organisation, and we are proud of the ambition, resilience and thoughtfulness our students have shown throughout the process. My thanks go to our Sixth Form team, tutors and all members of staff who have supported students with applications, personal statements and decision-making over the last half term.

Looking ahead, we have much to look forward to during the second half of the Autumn Term. Our annual Diwali celebration will take place on Wednesday 4th November, providing another opportunity

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for students and staff to come together and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community. We are also looking forward to welcoming Year 7 students to their Disco on Friday 13th November, always a highlight of the first term. Later in the month, our Senior Drama Production, *It's a Wonderful Life*, will be performed on 25th and 27th November, and we hope many families will be able to support our talented students for this production.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our brilliant Teaching, Support, Site and Catering teams for their professionalism and hard work throughout the half term. The start of the academic year is always exceptionally busy, and their commitment to ensuring the best possible experience for our students is greatly appreciated. Thank you, too, to the AFS and the many other individuals who give their time and support to our school community. I wish all our staff a restful and very well-deserved break over half term.

As we move further into the winter months, there may occasionally be circumstances where severe weather or other unforeseen issues affect the normal operation of the school. Should an emergency closure ever be necessary, we will communicate this with families by email and through updates on the school website and social media channels.

Finally, I would like to wish all students, parents and carers a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Whether that involves catching up on sleep, spending time with family and friends, or simply enjoying a brief pause from alarm clocks, I hope the week provides an opportunity to recharge. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another busy and successful half term.

Yours faithfully

Karen Stevens

Headteacher