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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first term, I write to thank you for your continued support of our school and to review our first term.

Without doubt, it has been extremely busy, with numerous activities and events involving our students. As well as visits to Paris and Cadiz, our Sixth Form engineers gained 'hands on' experience at Staffordshire University.

Students are excelling in Performing Arts and they have fantastic opportunities, including an outdoor concert at Lichfield's Christmas Fayre and a boys' choir performing at the 150th anniversary of St Pancras Station in London. One real 'stand out' performance was our Year 10 Btec students staging a highly creative and innovative production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which was performed as part of the Creative Education Trust's (CET) 'Day of Shakespeare'. Further activities planned in the New Year include visits to the West End to see 'Matilda' and 'The Lion King'.

Our Sixth Form students have settled well into the school and have been involved in CET's public speaking and essay writing competitions; whilst a number of Year 11 students enjoyed intensive maths and English master classes held recently at Whitemoor Lakes.

The Open Evenings for Year 7 and Year 12 students brought in the largest numbers we have ever had. In particular, the number of children joining us in September 2019 will be our largest cohort yet. Our numbers have grown over the last three years and much of this is due to all the hard work that continues to take place in the school, as well as our strengthening relationships with primary partners.

This term, together with our excellent Year 10 dancers, I visited primary schools to speak to Year 4, 5 and 6 students about our school. In addition, we hosted a visit for the Chairs of Governors for our primary school partners. Held over two days, they enjoyed a tour of the school, visits to lessons and meetings with students. They left highly impressed.

Equally impressed was our local MP, Amanda Milling, who also came to visit. She has written to me following the visit and her letter is attached.

So, an extremely busy but productive first term, including two Celebration of Excellence Award Evenings, where we celebrated the academic achievements of our students.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year. We finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21 December at 12.30 pm and we look forward to seeing students on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 8.30 am.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Keen
Principal

AMANDA MILLING MP



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To the parents and carers of pupils.
The Hart School

26th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I recently visited The Hart School and undertook a tour of the school since its refurbishment over the Summer.

During the visit I dropped in on several classes, met with new pupils to find out how they are settling in as well as Year 12 students who are undertaking a programme to provide mental wellbeing support. I was also treated to a very moving performing arts performance to mark the centenary of the end of World War One.

It was a wonderful visit and I wanted to write to you to say how impressed I was with the school and all of the pupils. The parents/carers of pupils at the school can be very proud.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda".

Amanda Milling MP