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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a successful first autumn term, I want to thank you for your continued support.

Students have embraced extracurricular opportunities this term, participating in sports fixtures, creative arts events, and Year 10 "Your Impact" activities. Year 11 students have also shown commendable dedication by attending after-school revision in preparation for their November mock examinations.

Special thanks to our prefects and student ambassadors for representing Bishop's so exceptionally during our Open Evenings and Mornings—we received wonderful feedback from visiting families.

Standards, Attendance & Uniform

Thank you to all students who have consistently met our expectations for attendance, punctuality, and correct uniform. Maintaining these high standards is central to our school ethos and will be a focus throughout next term as well as individual focus in lessons The following link will take you to our website page for guidance on uniform, hair, jewellery, and makeup rules: Uniform Expectations.

Community Safety

I am concerned by the behaviour of a small number of students whilst they cycle to and from the site. Some members of the public have made contact to share their concerns with us as well. If your child cycles to school please can I ask that you support our messages regarding safe cycling along busy roads and the need to wear a cycle helmet, especially as the clocks change, daylight shortens and the weather turns more inclement.

Year 7 Parent Survey (Deadline: 4th November)

If you are a Year 7 parent or carer, please take a moment to complete our transition survey (sent via separate link this week) by Wednesday 4th November. Your feedback helps us continually refine our transition process.

Finally, below is a summary of some key dates for the next half term.

Autumn Term (2nd Half) Calendar Summary

Date	Day	Event / Activity	Details & Impact for Parents
2nd November	Monday	School Resumes	First day back for students following the October Half Term break. Students ready and onsite from 8:45 am
7th December	Monday	INSET Day	School closed to students for staff training.
17th December	Thursday	School Carol Service	Our annual Carol Service at Hereford Cathedral
18th December	Friday	End of Autumn Term	Final day of school before the Christmas break. Note: Term finishes early at approximately 12:40 PM (TBC)
19th Dec – 3rd Jan	Saturday – Sunday	Christmas Holidays	School closed for Christmas holiday; students return on Monday, January 4th.

I hope you and your family enjoy a peaceful and restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Williams

Headteacher