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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the many highlights and experiences our students have enjoyed over the past few weeks. It has been a very positive term, with many of our students taking part in a wide range of assemblies and activities that have supported both their learning, and their wider development.

These have included sessions on careers, as well as important cultural and awareness events such as Martin Luther King Day, World Religion Week, Holocaust Memorial Day, Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day, International Women's Day, and World Autism Awareness Day. Students have also taken part in cyber safety sessions, fundraising events such as Comic Relief, and celebration assemblies—including our incredibly popular Golden Ticket prize draws.

Alongside this, we have been delighted to offer a variety of opportunities beyond the classroom. Some of the highlights have included:

- A whole school Careers Fair
- Year 9 Keele University raising aspirations day
- Year 10 artist workshop with Joel Penkman
- Our fantastic school production of *High School Musical*
- Year 11 performance of *Macbeth*
- Year 11 Geography trips
- Our first school ski trip
- Reward assemblies celebrating student success

These experiences are so important in helping students to build confidence, discover new interests, and celebrate their achievements. As you know, providing a strong academic curriculum alongside high levels of inclusive support remains a key priority for us here at Padgate. With this in mind, we were delighted to be awarded SSAT Ambassador School Status in recognition of our work to support students' learning through effective classroom assessment.

We have also had a very successful annual review, confirming both our continued Inclusion Quality Mark and our recognition as a Centre of Excellence; something we are extremely proud of.

As we come to the end of term, a reminder that school will close for the Easter holidays at 3:05pm on Thursday 2nd April. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 20th April at 8:25am.**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term, it really does make a difference. We are very proud of all our students and everything they have achieved.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Adam McMillan, Principal