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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Every School Day Matters: The Final Two Weeks

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and praise our Year 10 students for their hard work during this intensive first year of their GCSE and vocational courses.

With exactly ten school days remaining, I am writing to ask for your crucial support in ensuring your child maintains excellent attendance until the very last day of term. Year 10 attendance has improved during the period of the mock exams but remains stubbornly below the national average; we are keen to turn this around for the end of the academic year.

The final two weeks of Year 10 are absolutely critical. Rather than a time for winding down, these remaining days are vital for securing the foundations of their exam specifications before they enter their final year of secondary school. Every single day counts towards their future exam success and school life is extremely busy over the next ten days. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Please avoid arranging holidays, appointments or other activities during school hours wherever possible.

We appreciate that students may be excited for the England game at 1am on Monday; whilst we hope that those who love football will enjoy this, we would like to reinforce that school starts at 8.40am as normal and champions show up even when they are tired! Every student who attends all day on Monday will be awarded an additional 5 rewards points and entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher. Additionally, we will be showing match highlights in the hall at lunchtime and students can buy a sweet treat from our #BrilliantAtBarlby tuck shop (50p per item with all profits going towards in-school rewards!) to keep them going on what might be, for some, a long day!

During the next two weeks, Year 10 students will be:

- Receiving mock exam feedback and grades
- Covering core GCSE content
- Attending a taster day at Selby College for those who have given consent
- Attending their final Sports Day at Barlby High School
- Celebrating their achievements and progress in end-of-year rewards assemblies.

Year 10 is the springboard for your child's future post-16 options. Finishing this year strongly sends a clear signal of their commitment to achieving their full potential. Please help us by ensuring your child arrives on time, fully equipped, and ready to learn every day. We continue to reward students who are 'In To Win' with weekly rewards for those who attend school every day. If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help and are committed to working with families to ensure every student can attend regularly and thrive.

Thank you for your continued collaboration as we work together to help our Year 10 students make the most of every opportunity in these final two weeks of the academic year and be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

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We look forward to seeing your child at **8.40am** tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

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