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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 support and celebrate the fantastic progress your child has made throughout Year 8.

With exactly ten school days remaining, I am writing to ask for your continued support in ensuring your child maintains excellent attendance until the very last day of term. Year 8 attendance has continued to linger below the national average this year and we are keen to turn this around for the end of the academic year.

It can be tempting to view the final two weeks of the year as a time when learning slows down, but in reality, these remaining days are critical for your child's ongoing 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 8 students will be:

- Benefitting from assemblies led by our local Police
- Attending our whole-school Sports Day
- Preparing for a successful transition into Year 9
- Celebrating their achievements and progress in end-of-year rewards assemblies.

We want every Year 8 student to finish this critical transition year strongly. 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 8 students make the most of every opportunity in these final two weeks of the academic year and be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

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

Yours sincerely

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