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Dear Families

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during the first half term.

Parental involvement in education is vital and we see you as one of our main partners in moving the school forward. We value your contributions and support and know there are additional areas of school life that you would like to hear about and there are also opportunities for you to be involved. For example:

Co-Heads' Celebration Lunch In October, we launched our half-termly Co-Heads' lunch, which recognises outstanding student contributions to the school and community. We hope to be inviting you to celebrate your daughter's successes at future events.

Parents' Forum This continues to go from strength to strength and has been recognised nationally in our Careers England Case Study. Our Parents' Forum group has helped to co-create a new degree programme in Education and Social Innovation at Leeds Beckett University from September 2018. As far as we are aware this is the first partnership of its kind nationally. We are currently planning exciting new ventures for our Parents' Forum group and would be delighted if you are able to join. If you are interested in joining please contact Mrs Ahmad at the school.

Careers Convention On Thursday 19th October we held our annual Careers Convention, with record numbers of parents in attendance. With 45 providers from a range of employers, apprenticeship and training providers, FE and HE Institutions, this is a major event in our calendar. Comments from our parents included "Brilliant! Everyone gave very informative advice" and "this convention is very useful and gives my daughter a head start".

Most importantly, thank you so much for ensuring that your daughter has excellent attendance. As you know, being at school is the first and most important step in ensuring students learn and make progress. The minimum acceptable level of attendance is 97% and anything below this impacts on progress. If you have any questions or concerns about your daughter's attendance please contact her Pastoral Manager. Please remember, routine medical or dental appointments must be taken outside the school day. In exceptional circumstances, for specialist medical appointments, a card/letter must be provided in advance.

We are grateful for your continued support. We appreciate any feedback you have and would like to remind you that you can email any comments to: parentvoice@batleygirls.co.uk

Here's to a positive and successful half-term.

Yours sincerely

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