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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy term which, as well as prelim examinations taking place, has included World Book day, Charity week and a range of other activities and trips. In addition, I was delighted to be invited to Number 10 Downing Street for a 'Community Leaders in Education' reception, as a guest of Sir Robert Buckland MP. It was an honour and a privilege to be nominated and to be recognised for our success as a school which is the result of a lot of hard work and a strong partnership between staff, students and parents. Details of all these events will appear in our newsletter which you will be receiving shortly.

#### Staff leaving

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our fantastic Head of Languages, Mrs Hatcher who is now embarking on a new adventure. During her time at Dorcan she has raised the profile of languages at the academy and has led with vision, passion and enthusiasm. She also got a glowing report from Ofsted. We will really miss her but wish her all the best. We are currently seeking to recruit an equally fabulous permanent replacement, but in the meantime Mrs Hatcher's lessons will be taught by Mrs Rudge, a French and Spanish specialist who is joining us on a temporary basis.

#### Year II Revision

Thank you for all you are doing to support Year II as they work hard towards their examinations this summer. Whilst it is important for students to have a relaxing break, it is also essential that they plan and stick to a revision schedule – little and often is the key to remembering things long term and will reduce anxiety when the exams come along.

**House points totals** overall are as follows: (it should be noted that as not all Houses are the same size currently the average per student ratio is the determining factor).

	Eagle	Falcon	Kingfisher	Osprey
Overall total	111762	91142	104274	105668
Average per student	467.6	474.7	485.0	496.1

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### House points totals after demerits/negative points are taken into consideration:

	Eagle	Falcon	Kingfisher	Osprey
Overall total	102156	84005	95669	97759
Average per student	427.4	437.5	445.0	459.0

#### **Character counters**

The winners of the most character counters this term are as follows:

## Ist place - Falcon (331)

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Eagle (206)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Osprey (204)

4<sup>th</sup> place – Kingfisher (191)

#### Our Overall leaderboard currently stands at:

# I<sup>st</sup> place - Falcon (1166) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Kingfisher (806)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Osprey (771)

4<sup>th</sup> place – Eagle (649)

We wish you a safe, relaxing and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 15th April which is A week.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Bareham

Headteacher