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Dear Parent,

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts about our first half-term in our brand new building. School days at Sandon Court seem like an age away and so much has happened since.

As I mentioned in my previous letter to you; it was great to see our students, staff and parents roll up their sleeves and help us move hundreds of boxes, items of furniture and equipment into our new building. Once everything was in place the real work really began. It has been great to see our Year 9 and Year 12 students settle into their new school so quickly. Equally, our Year 10 and Year 13 students have, on the whole, made a smooth transition to their new year and new building.

Year 10 students have had a particularly busy first half term at Scott College. New classes, teachers and classmates have created a significant but positive challenge. Not everybody likes change but it has been great to see our Year 10 students rise to this challenge with tenacity, energy and enthusiasm. The core GCSE subjects of English, Maths, Science continue apace and all of our options subjects have been enhanced by our high quality, state of the art facilities. There aren't many schools that can say that their students have their Health and Social Care lessons around a real hospital bed!

Year 10 have taken full advantage of our new fitness suite and it has been great to see so many of them staying after school working out with their peers. Our Year 10 prefects continue to be an invaluable resource and, this half term, we have provided training in areas such as peer listening to enable them to provide support to younger students. I hope to further develop this role next half term by providing them with training so that they can be effective mentors to an identified group of younger students. Our Open events would not run without the support of our prefects and other student volunteers. I would like to thank them and you for giving us of your time, again and again, to show Scott College at it's best.

Our Year 10 tutor team continue to provide invaluable support to their tutees. Your child's form tutor will contact you regularly to allow us to share successes and areas requiring improvement. These areas may include attendance, punctuality, behaviour, academic progress and general well-being. This will also allow you to share your views with us.

We advise and guide our students during our daily 30 minute tutor sessions. This half term we have focussed in on emotional and physical well-being, motivation, decision making, organisation, punctuality, attendance and, during our final week of this half-term, revision. It has been amazing to see our Year 10 tutor groups leading our assemblies that further explore this topics.

Our end of Cycle 1 assessments commence during the first week back with their English assessment followed by every other subject the following week. I can't stress enough the importance of our students setting aside some time each day to revise over the half term holiday. As Head of Year 10 I will be recognising and rewarding success once the assessment results are in. In particular, those students who have reached or surpassed their target levels.

Year 10 have recently enjoyed visits to Clip and Climb and a performance of Macbeth at the Theatre Royal. We have invited outside speakers into school to speak our students about careers in the healthcare sector and students have also conducted research into the NHS through their Project Based Learning lessons.

Our first half term has been exciting, challenging, invigorating and rewarding. As Year 10 continue to develop into resourceful, resilient, successful and well rounded young people I look forward to what we can achieve over the coming months. Think what we have achieved in only six weeks!

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Year 10