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Dear Parents/Carers

As we near the end of the first term we would like to reflect on the past 8 weeks which have seen the academic year set off to an incredible start.

We continue to recognise students' achievements with our Team Hatton and Ambassador of the Week rewards. We have given out a record number of 'Special Ambassador' Awards which are handed out by us for outstanding contribution to the Academy. What has been noticeable is the large volume of nominations we receive, almost daily, for students that are worthy of such an award. We have an excellent student body and we would like to thank them, and you, the parents/carers for your consistent support. By working together we really can achieve phenomenal outcomes for our children.

We received confirmation that once again we are the Highest Performing academy in Northamptonshire for the Progress 8 measure 2019-2020. This also puts us in the top 1% of schools in the whole country. We previously informed you of this in our last letter, however we would like to reiterate once again that achievements like this are down to all of us:- staff, students, parents/carers working together.

We would like to thank our very active Home School Association who organised an end of Summer party for our local community in September. We were even featured on BBC Radio Northampton with our very own Mrs Williams being interviewed by their roving reporter. The HSA raised over £1000 which will go towards school equipment to further enrich our students.

This term has seen many trips and visits ranging from a daytrip to Harry Potter World to an overseas 4 day visit to Geneva. There have been numerous sporting achievements including the Year 9 and 10 Girls Football success in a district competition, as well as expeditions for our Duke Of Edinburgh cohort and a first parade for our Combined Cadets Forces. Our Art & Design department continues to amaze us and in particular the year 8 portraits project work was outstanding. There are many things that go on around the academy daily and we try to make sure that we share as much with you as possible via our Twitter account @heartofhatton. We use this method of communication to keep you updated in real time.

At the beginning of October we held our Year 6 Information Evenings which saw over 1300 people through our doors and we have welcomed 350 families on our Open Week tours during the last 6 weeks. We would like to extend our thanks to all the VI Formers that have helped make these such a success. We have received many comments about these outstanding role models and the pride they have shown when talking to the younger children about Hatton.

When we return Parent Tutor Day will be held on Friday 8th November which is an opportunity for you to come and discuss with your child's form tutor their learning, future targets and careers aspirations. This is a home study day for all students. We both look forward to meeting with many of you then and as always if you have any questions or feedback we can be reached on: head@hattonacademy.org.uk

We will be holding our annual whole school Armistice Day Service on the 11th November. We warmly invite any students that are part of a uniformed organisation such as Cadets, Guides, and Scouts to wear their group uniforms on this day. All students will meet in the Heart of Hatton where we hold a full service and mark this important date.

We are delighted to be welcoming Glennis Hooper, Crazy Hats Charity Founder to officially open our new block on the 12th November. Invited guests, staff and students will congregate to celebrate the opening of the new classrooms, auditorium and café. There will also be a number of performances from a range of students who will be making use of our fantastic facilities for the first time.

We wish you all a restful half term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



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