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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Half-Term Arrangements, Free School Meal Vouchers and Upcoming School Events**

As we approach the end of a busy and successful first half of the autumn term, I would like to thank you for your continued support of Rooks Heath School.

This Friday, **16 October**, marks the start of our **two-week half-term break**. Students will return to school as normal on **Monday 2 November**. I hope that families are able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable break.

Many parents will be aware that there has been considerable discussion regarding **Free School Meal holiday vouchers** for the October half-term. While additional funding has now been confirmed for some eligible families, not all children who may previously have received support, or who were expecting to receive support, will qualify under the current criteria.

We recognise that this may be disappointing for some families, particularly at a time when household budgets remain under pressure. Please be assured that these eligibility decisions are determined by the funding arrangements and criteria set outside of school. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact us confidentially and we will do our best to signpost you to available support services and sources of assistance.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events planned for the remainder of the autumn term:

- **12 November** - Sixth Form Open Evening
- **25 November** - Year 7 Settling-in Evening
- **26 November** - Annual Winter Concert
- **1 December –** PTFA Meeting (via Teams)
- **9 December** - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **18 December** - End of Autumn Term (early finish)

We also recently held our first **PTFA meeting** of the year and were delighted by the excellent turnout and enthusiasm shown by parents and carers. The PTFA plays an important role in supporting our school community, and we would warmly welcome new members. If you are interested in attending future meetings or becoming involved, please contact Ms Grover via hgrover@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk if you would like to participate, who will be pleased to provide further information.

As always, thank you for your partnership and support. Together, we continue to create a caring, ambitious and successful community for all our young people.

I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 2 November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Manderson
**Headteacher**

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