

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

At the end of another busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students, parents and carers for their support through this compact half term. It has been heartening to witness the maturity and positivity which students have embodied during their return to the Academy.

Due to the delayed start to this half term, as we transferred from remote learning to students in the building, we have only published Praising Stars reports for students in years 10 and 11. This is to support student, parent and carers' understanding of student progress closer to their terminal examination assessment periods. Students in all year groups will receive a Praising Stars 5 report at the end of next half term which will reflect their efforts and progress in the classroom.

I have been very impressed and I am hugely appreciative of the efforts made by students and staff who volunteered to participate in the asymptomatic mass testing from 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March. During this period the Academy conducted over 2100 tests of students and staff. I would like to share with you all that throughout this period the volunteer testing team commented specifically on the "calm, polite and respectful" manner of our students. Well done to all those involved.

Please be aware that the Academy will once again be tracking any positive coronavirus tests throughout the first week of Easter holiday. To ensure the safety of students and staff, it is important that we are made aware of any positive Covid tests taken on or before Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If your child does receive a positive test during this time, please email [enquiries@ripon.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@ripon.outwood.com) with your child's name and a contact telephone number to ensure we are able to action track and trace effectively. Please do not contact via telephone as messages will not be monitored regularly.

So, at the end of an exceptionally busy term, a sincere and heartfelt thank you from me to you all. I wish you a very happy Easter and look forward to welcoming students back into the Academy on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully,



Mr W Pratt  
Principal