

BROADWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Our Children
Our Community
Believe it can be done!**

At the end of a short term, I wish you and the children a happy half-term holiday. We break up at the normal time of 3.20pm on Friday 10th February, and we return to school on Monday 20th February at 9.00am.

This term has been extremely successful, with many extra-curricular activities taking place at Broadway School and Community Centre, after school, at the weekends, and during holidays. This term I am particularly pleased to have received the official data placing us in the top 2% of schools for improvement over the last three years. This is again a wonderful achievement, and our value-added scores place us within the top 5% of all schools within the country. This shows that all of our students are performing well and exceeding their potential, the staff are doing a fantastic job with students here at Broadway.

Many of our students are going on to study in our Sixth Form, and then to University. We are hoping in the next couple of years to have students go on to Oxbridge. The vast majority of children are a credit to you, and the new behaviour policy means that we continue to monitor the behaviour in school. Behaviour continues to improve, going from very good towards outstanding. Thank you for all of the work which you are doing in helping us to achieve this.

Our drive to improve teaching and learning, means that we will be taking on a new initiative this year 'Building Learning Power' which enables the students to work independently, to think critically, and to develop their own ability to become independent learners. We will continue however, to coach students and provide them with extra tuition. Many pupils in Year 11 are currently attending school every Saturday and throughout the half term break, and we are very grateful to the staff for working hard to ensure that every one of our students reaches their potential this academic year.

Broadway is about more than academic success, it is about developing holistic, well-rounded citizens, who can take their place in society. Our curriculum involves music, sport, the Cadets, and many trips at home and abroad which means that our children have a full range of activities to help them reach their potential.

We also endeavour to keep our children safe, and a lot of emphasis is placed on this at Broadway. We continue to work with multi-agencies, to make sure the children are happy, and secure at Broadway School. We continue to work closely with parents and run workshops which have taken place this term, and to help parents to engage with their children more in their learning. We are also looking to continue working with parents here at Broadway, to this end, if any of you are interested in becoming a School Governor, please contact Nicola Pengelly, Clerk to the Governors, who will provide further details.

This year we have continued to work with many local schools to improve the chances for all students, and we are working closely with local primary schools. We currently work with; Prince Albert School, where we run Gifted and Talented master classes for Maths, in Birchfield School, we run Music classes and a whole host of other schools where we are offering a full range of activities during the half-term break. The primary schools are very important to us, and we continue to provide them with as much opportunity as we possibly can.

I hope that you have a happy and restful half term break, and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 20th February, ready for more hard work throughout the winter term.

Yours faithfully

Ronald Skelton
Headteacher

