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Good afternoon families,

I would like to end this half term as I began it: by thanking you all very much.

Thank you to the 300 of you who have fed back your preferences over parents' evening and communication. I will update you on this shortly after half term. Thank you to the more than 150 of you who have come to the school to meet me. It was a pleasure to meet you all and I am grateful for your time. Thank you to the 30 of you who have offered to be a point of contact for an employer or local business. We will be back in touch with you before too long, and I know the children will be as appreciative as I am for your generosity. And thank you to those of you who have donated wood – our GCSE DT students are very well equipped now, thanks to your kindness.

Your children have been equally generous. A fifth of them supported at open events, acting as incredible ambassadors for the school. About half of our Sixth Formers supported us at our Sixth Form Open Evening last night. All of them have continued to be warm and welcoming, and it has been a pleasure getting to know them better over the last eight weeks. Please pass on my thanks, and please pass on my best wishes for the half term break. I hope they all have a good time, and a good rest.

Our next event is the Open Mic on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. This will be the first arts event this year and, after the summer concert and art show, I am excited to see the performances. I hope to see lots of you there, more details and how you can buy tickets is on our website here:

https://www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk/events/open-mic-night-2/

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the next week.

Yours sincerely,

John Holmes Headteacher