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Dear Families,

As we approach the half term break, I write to inform you that the Academy Council, the democratically elected student body which has been involved in a number of student led activities this academic year, would like to mark Friday 14th February, as a WEAR SOMETHING RED day.

During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds’ mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of Valentine’s Day should be a day for romance. The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer was the first to record St. Valentine’s Day as a day of romantic celebration in his 1375 poem, ‘Parliament of Foules’.

“For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne’s day/
Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.”

WEAR SOMETHING RED day allows each student, for the cost of £1.00 to wear one red item, for example, a pair of red socks, a pair of red training shoes, a red tie. All funds will be donated to support the fight against MDS (Myelodysplastic Syndromes—a group of malignant blood disorders in which the bone marrow fails to produce healthy blood cells) a very worthy charity, I hope you agree.

I ask you to note:

- the academy will close for the half term break on Friday 14th February and re-open on Monday 24th February at the usual times.
- Headmaster Hour (open to all our families to drop-in, share tea, ideas and thoughts).

I wish all our families and children, a peaceful and restful half-term break.

Yours Sincerely,

Anthony Hamilton
Headmaster