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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back and to wish you and your families a happy New Year. This is our first whole-school letter since our return in January, and it has certainly been a very busy and purposeful start to the year at Iceni Academy.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents and carers attend the Year 10 Progress Evening. Events such as these are invaluable in supporting pupils' learning and strengthening the partnership between home and school, and we appreciate the time you took to engage with staff.

On 13 January, we welcomed colleagues for a Trust review of our Key Stage 3 provision. I am delighted to share that the initial feedback from the visit was very positive, with reviewers highlighting the continued progress in teaching and learning across the academy. We are pleased that the hard work of staff and students alike is being recognised and we will continue to build on this momentum.

I would like to remind parents and carers of Year 9 students that our Options Evening will take place on Thursday 29 January. This is a very important evening, as students begin to make decisions about the subjects they will study at Key Stage 4. Subject teams are very much looking forward to showcasing what they have to offer and to discussing the opportunities available to your child.

As we move further into the Spring term, our focus remains firmly on preparing our Year 11 students for their Summer examinations. Our second period of mock examinations will begin on Monday 9 February, providing students with a valuable opportunity to refine their exam technique and identify areas for further improvement.

A reminder also to parents and carers of Year 9 students that their Progress Evening will take place on Thursday 12 February. Please ensure that appointments are booked in advance (a separate email will follow), as this evening will provide a further opportunity to discuss your child's progress and explore subject options with teachers ahead of final decisions.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support of the academy. Your involvement plays a vital role in helping our students thrive, and we look forward to working closely with you throughout the remainder of the year.

Yours faithfully

Richard Rushton
Principal
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