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Dear Parent / Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a restful holiday. I am writing to update you on a number of successes and school related matters.

Last term saw many achievements for our pupils and the school. Forge Valley continues to be one of the highest attaining schools in Sheffield and remains significantly oversubscribed with more pupils than ever wishing to join our school community in September.

We continue to celebrate a huge number of successes. Forge Fest 2024, at the end of the summer term, raised over £2,900 for The Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. It has been fantastic to see families in school for celebratory events around the school pledge, supporting our children in musical and dance performances, and attending our recent Armistice event.

Our recent Winter Fayre showcased the creativity and entrepreneurial nature of many of our pupils and our Extra-Curricular Fayre also highlighted how much there is on offer for our young people. Our school trips continue to offer fantastic opportunities for all of our community including a current Spanish Exchange visit for Y12 students, Geography Field Trips, Duke of Edinburgh programmes, theatre visits alongside participation and success in sporting competitions across the region.

It has been heartening to see the continued ambition of our pupils and students. We hosted a recent 'Top of the Bench' Chemistry competition which showcased the achievements of our pupils and students against the very best across South Yorkshire. In addition, over two hundred pupils and students have been invited to discuss careers in Science and Research with top professors from the University of Sheffield.

We continue to strive for ambition, endeavour and success in all that we do. This includes having the highest standards and expectations of all of our community and a continued focus on high quality attendance.

We know that pupils who attend school regularly go on to achieve well both academically and socially. We will continue to be relentless in the support we offer families to maintain excellent attendance.

These expectations are similar in regard to uniform. The majority of our pupils have returned to school in full, correct uniform. Our uniform policy remains accessible via the school website. We want to keep all pupils in school but must be consistent in standards in the interest of all members of our school community.

Senior leaders at Forge Valley continue to support colleagues at Bradfield School. To support consistently strong leadership at Forge Valley we have made excellent appointments to ensure the school remains well led. I have asked Mr Crofts and Ms Devine to work in Associate Headteacher roles and asked Mr Watson to work alongside me as Head of School. I know that these appointments will allow Forge Valley to continue to flourish.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Barrowclough
Executive Headteacher

