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Dear parents and carers,

As we break up for the May half-term, I wanted to thank you for your feedback in the STAR MAT Parent/Carer survey. I received the results from Edurio yesterday and look forward to sharing with you our plans for responding to your feedback so that we take Team Sherburn from strength to strength.

Spotlight on Safeguarding:

Keeping our students safe is paramount to everything we do, to support parents/carers attached to this week's letter home is a useful Safeguarding Bulletin that will be shared monthly with all STAR MAT parents/carers.

I have also been asked by our Safer Schools Police Officer to share a report following a recent BBC Breakfast special episode talking to the families of 12 children whose deaths were linked to social media and harmful content online.

The attached link provides an impactful summary of the discussions held and the views of families whose lives have been devastated by the loss of their children and the social media influences that have impacted on this. The piece focusses on the very urgent need for tougher measures to be put in place by tech firms to create greater safeguards for the content children are exposed to.

[Families tell BBC new Ofcom social media rules not tough enough - BBC News](#)

Whilst it's not an easy read, I thought it timely to share it with you as we enter half term and students will quite naturally be spending more time online.

And finally...

Today marks the end of a journey for our Year 13 students. On a personal level, this is the year group I taught during Covid, sharing online lessons, "bubble" classrooms, face masks and I remember vividly snowballs making an appearance during one online lesson!

They are an incredible group of young people who have shown good humour, resilience, and empathy throughout their time with us.

Year 13, I know you will go on to do incredible things. I can't wait to celebrate with you this summer when you open those exam envelopes and thank you for making my job as your Headteacher an absolute privilege!

Kind regards,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher