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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Pilot Proposal for October half term**

Thank you for your engagement with our consultation around our proposal to pilot a change to the October half term 2024/25. Based on the feedback, we have decided to run the proposed pilot.

**This means that the October half term dates for 2024 will be from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

As a reminder, here is the reasoning behind the decision:

- It will make the first term of the year more manageable for pupils (especially those starting at a new school). It is traditionally a long term with up to eight weeks in school before the half term break. Now, the balance of time between home and school will be more even throughout the academic year, to maximise pupils' well-being and engagement with learning.
- This balance also enables your school's staff team to be at their best and deliver high quality teaching, learning and support for your child. As a Trust, it will help us to attract and retain the best people to continually develop our provision.
- This initiative, together with other collaborative efforts across the entire Trust, enables us to enhance your child's learning experiences. These experiences extend beyond their own academy to other Trust academies and even our University campus.
- To benefit from the opportunities to align work and resources to provide quality holiday provision for families (which we know from your feedback is a very important consideration with this additional holiday week).
- To minimise the number of pupils and staff absences during the long Autumn Term.

Thank you once again, for engaging with the consultation process prior to this decision being taken.

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During this term, you will receive further communication from us about options for Holiday Clubs. Additionally, your academies Headteacher will inform you of the small, planned adjustments to the school day timings, aimed at enhancing learning throughout the year.

Throughout the year, we will be monitoring the impact of this change and will invite your engagement with that process. We will report back to you, later in the 2024/25 academic year, including providing a decision about whether the extended break will continue beyond this pilot.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at [1change4Unicat@gmail.com](mailto:1change4Unicat@gmail.com).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jennese Alozie'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a cursive 'Alozie'.

Jennese Alozie