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Dear parents and carers,

Just a couple of brief updates from us this week. Firstly, to let you know that our HPL focus for next week is Automaticity - that is, becoming so fluent and proficient with an activity that it no longer requires conscious thought. We all reach this stage with activities that are just "second nature" to us, like walking, driving or writing, and the more skills that can become 'automatic' for students, the higher the level of challenge they are able to reach.

Secondly, we will be having our second tutor time of the term on Wednesday 21 October. As you will be aware, it has been impossible to build in a daily tutor time within the confines of the staggered timetable, so other than the first day of the year tutors have not really had any quality time with their tutor groups - and we are feeling the impact of this. Next Wednesday, therefore, we will have our first two lessons collapsed and this will become a tutor time from 9 until 11am - and we will hope to repeat a similar process throughout the next term to get some much needed quality tutor time in place.

Finally, if you wish to join in our HPL ethos as a family, we have attached a family challenge for you to have a go at. We will update you again just before we break for half-term next Friday.

Kind regards,

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