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End of Term Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the end of another busy and productive term at Toot Hill. It has been a pleasure to see so many of you in school, whether it be for Parents' Evenings or Information Evenings. Our students continue to 'work hard and be kind', and none more than those in Year 11 and 13 as they prepare for external examinations in the summer.

Last Day of The School Year

I would like to remind parents and carers that the last day of the academic year is Thursday 25th July. The school will close early on this day at 12:30pm to enable staff to finalise administrative duties and clear rooms before a summer deep clean takes place. School buses will collect students from school at this earlier time. The school calendar for the 2024-25 academic year is on the school website. The 2025-26 calendar is currently being finalised by Nova Education Trust and will be shared with you as soon as possible.

Activities During the Final Two Weeks of Term

We have a wealth of enrichment and celebration activities taking place during the last two weeks of the summer term. You will be receiving more specific details about the trips at the start of next half-term, dependent on the year group your child is in. The following activities are taking place:

- o Wednesday 17th July – Inter tutor set competitions
- o Thursday 18th July – Year 10 trip to Alton Towers
- o Friday 19th July – Sports Day (Years 7 to 10)
- o Tuesday 23rd July – Year 9 trip to Alton Towers
- o Wednesday 24th July – Year 7 trip to Alton Towers
- o Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July – Year 8 Walesby trip (run as two-day trips)

Parents and Carers Information Evenings

We have recently held very successful Year 10 and 11 Information Evenings in school. We will be soon offering the chance for all year groups to attend information evenings in the final half-term. These will enable me to update you on the future direction of our school, progress as detailed in the recent Challenge Partner's report and new school build plans, as well as answer your questions and hear your voice.

Year 11 and 13 Easter Revision Sessions

There are many revision sessions taking place over the Easter break. I would like to remind families that the canteen facilities will not be open during this period, so students should bring with them any refreshments and lunch required. Students staying for the day will not be able to leave the school site at lunch time so it is important they come prepared. I would like to thank all the staff delivering sessions during their own holiday time.



Short-term Medical Support

If your child has any short-term medical needs, such as needing crutches or medication during school hours, please contact our Student Services department as soon as possible. This means we can risk assess the situation fully and ensure your child has the best possible support in school.

Uniform Reminders

We have seen a recent improvement in the weather. However, students should continue to wear blazers to school. They are allowed to take them off in lessons once permission is granted by the teacher. In addition, black trainers are not permitted unless worn for PE or Games.

September Uniform Policy Change Reminder

I would like to remind parents and carers that from this September, all student skirts in Years 7 to 11 must be pleated. This is to enable parents and carers to plan early for this change. Please note that:

- Skirts must be black, of a formal cut and wide pleated.
- Pencil style/tight fitting/stretch material skirts are not permitted.
- Skirts should be worn at the waist and with appropriate regard to a formal appearance.
- Hems should be no more than 5cm above the knee
- Fashion belts are not allowed

Below are links to some recommended suppliers:

- [Asda Pleated Skirts](#)
- [Next Pleated Skirts](#)
- [Matalan Pleated Skirts](#)

Finally, I wish you and your family a lovely Easter together.

Yours sincerely



Dr C Eardley
Head Teacher