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End of Half-term Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today sees the start of a truly well-deserved break for our students. They have worked tirelessly this past half-term and continue to show care and attention to each other in the true spirit of our 'work hard, be kind, take pride' ethos. Our Year 11 and 13 students deserve a special mention for their incredible efforts as we reach the half-way stage of a busy external exam period. Thank you for your continued support as their success is the result of a true team effort.

The Bus Park

I would like to remind parents and carers not to drop off children in the bus park in the mornings. This is to ensure that traffic is minimised for optimum student safety. In addition, I would appreciate your support in keeping the bus park entrance as clear as possible. I appreciate that the traffic situation is far from ideal for parents and carers around the school site, and we continue to seek support from the local authority to improve safety measures on Tithby Road and The Banks.

Activities During the Final Two Weeks of Term

We look forward to our students enjoying a wealth of enrichment and celebration activities during the last two weeks of the summer term. You should have already received specific details about the trips, 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

In person year group information evenings will now take place at the beginning of the new academic year. This timing change avoids issues in an already busy calendar and will ensure we all start the academic year with a clear understanding of how we can work together to support your child/children to have a transformational learning experience at Toot Hill School. As well as updating you on the future direction of our school and new school build plans, I will address questions and issues raised by you in the online school



survey you will receive next half-term. You will be receiving a link for this survey after the half-term break. There will be a live Teams event next half-term where I will update you on school matters to ensure everyone is prepared for September. This MS Teams event will also be recorded.

Year 11 and 13 Easter Revision Sessions

There are a small number of revision sessions taking place over the half-term 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.

September Uniform Policy Change Reminder

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is worth stressing the uniform policy change for September 2024: all student skirts worn in Years 7 to 11 must be pleated. This reminder is to enable parents and carers to plan early for this change to ensure a smooth start to the academic year for children in September. 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 fantastic break together.

Yours sincerely



Dr C Eardley
Head Teacher