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End of Year Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I would like to thank our students for the exceptional manner in which they have conducted themselves in the final weeks of the academic year. There certainly has been a rich plethora of enrichment activities taking placing over recent weeks and all have been a resounding success, such as the Sports Day, Alton Towers trips, Year 10 Work Experience and the Food Technology trip to France.

The 2024-25 Academic Year

All students will start the new academic year on Tuesday 3rd September. This follows a Monday INSET day for staff at Toot Hill. There is no staggered start to the year for students; all year groups start on the Tuesday.

Parent/Carer Evenings in 2024-25

The Year 10 and 11 Parent/Carer Evenings will start at 1.45 pm this year. The school will close for all year groups at 1.15 pm to facilitate this. This change allows teachers to see all members of their classes for option subjects which has previously been an issue. The dates for your diary are:

- Year 10 Parent/carer evening Thursday 17th October
- Year 11 Parent/carer evening Tuesday 21st January

Parent/Carer School Experience Edurio Survey

A huge thank you to the large number of parents and carers who completed the recent online survey. I will be presenting the key themes of the survey and the school's actions in the Parent/Carer information evenings at the start of the new academic year. Without doubt, how we can continue to improve communication between families and the school was the key theme.

September Uniform Policy Change Reminder

A polite reminder that there is a uniform policy change from September: all student skirts worn in Years 7 to 11 must be pleated. 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:

- o Asda Pleated Skirts
- o <u>Next Pleated Skirts</u>
- o <u>Matalan Pleated Skirts</u>

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a lovely summer break together. Our students truly deserve a superb break.

Yours sincerely

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Dr C Eardley Head Teacher