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# End of Year Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of a very productive and busy academic year. First of all, I would like to thank you for your incredible support this past year. It has been challenging because of factors such as the financial crisis, industrial action, an Ofsted inspection and a leaking main block, but thanks to your unwavering support for our students and staff, we are in a stronger place than we were at the start of the academic year. We certainly have finished the year in style, with a multitude of enrichment opportunities for our students such as the Barcelona trip, Year 8 Walesby Trip and Year 10 Work Experience Week all taking place this last week.

#### Start of the 2023-24 Academic Year

Please note that this September, there is no staggered start to the new academic year. All year groups will start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. All year groups will undergo an induction programme on the morning of this day, before starting subject lessons in the afternoon.

I understand that parents and carers often use the summer break to renew equipment and uniform for their children. Useful information to ensure your child is 'Ready to Learn' in September can be found here:

## Equipment and Uniform Information

## Parent and Carer School Experience Online Survey

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have completed the recent online survey. I will receive the results at the start of September and will conduct a forensic analysis of them with the leadership team to inform school improvement, so our school continues to be a better place for all.

#### Communication

The last week has seen parents and carers receive the final report of the year for their child. The reports evidence how fantastic our students are, with very high average Attitude to Learning scores across the year groups. We have listened carefully to your feedback and will endeavor to share such reports with you next year in a timely manner. In addition, you will be provided with useful information sooner, to support your child with Home Learning and assessment preparation.

Finally, I wish you and your family a lovely summer break. Every one of our students deserves a restful break and some quality time with their family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

Dr C Eardley Head Teacher