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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have come to the end of this academic year. A year like no other, a year in which we continue to pray for those affected by the pandemic but also a year in which our students have worked incredibly hard and achieved many great things. I am incredibly proud of our how school community has worked together during the pandemic and found a way to continue to learn and make progress. I thank all the students, staff and parents for their support and determination. We will take this sense of ambition and community into next year.

This week has been wonderful to see more students from years 7 – 9 in school for their meetings. Attendance was very strong across all year groups and students are really looking forward to coming back next year. I would also like to celebrate years 10 and 12 students' efforts. Since the partial reopening attendance for year 10 face to face sessions has been over 80% and year 12 face to face sessions over 95%, these figures are much higher than nationally. It would be helpful to students to try to maintain some involvement with online resources and learning in preparation for September.

Year 11 and 13 students will be contacted directly regarding results days in the summer. These days will be different to previous years but none the less a chance to celebrate the reward for 5 or 7 years of hard work. We look forward to seeing those students on either 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> August.

After the results days, will come the start of next academic year. We will be open full time for all year groups from September. We will be opening for students in the following order:

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 7 and Year 11 only
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 7, 10 and 11 only plus Year 12 enrolment
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7-11 plus Year 13 enrolment
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	All Year groups

From September, students **must not arrive before 8.30am** and will go straight to their zones. All year groups will be kept in year group zones/bubbles. This will be explained to students in September. I have again attached the guidance leaflet for students. Please take time to consider this.

From September:

- Full school uniform will be expected for all students.
- Visitors/Parents wishing to come into school must book prior to attending.
- Cars will not be able come on to on site for student drop off / pick up.
- Students should not be dropped off on the school carpark. They should enter school via the pedestrian gate only.
- Parents may come on site through the pedestrian gate to collect students following social distancing guidelines but no further than clearly marked area by the bike shelter.





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Should you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact school via email or the main school office.

At the end of this school year we say goodbye to a number of staff who have served the school with great dedication but are moving on for different challenges and opportunities. Miss Bullock, Mr Regis, Mrs Weatherby, Miss Baggaley, Miss Dyche, Mr Humphries, Miss Hall, Mrs Broomhall and Mrs Pavitt will be saying goodbye to us at the end of term, we wish them well for the future.

In addition, Mr Alan Udall who has been a member of our site staff here for 38 years has decided to take retirement at the end of this year. Alan has been an integral part of this school for generations and has supported the school tirelessly. We all wish Alan a happy and healthy retirement. Lastly although he is not leaving; Mr Andrew Wootton is stepping down from Deputy Headteacher from September. We will be saying a proper goodbye when he leaves the school but as he steps down as Deputy Headteacher of 14 years, I would like to congratulate him on that service, great professionalism, integrity and love of our school community. I look forward to him teaching Physics in a part time role in September.

Finally, have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing all our students in September.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr M Rayner  
Headteacher



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