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AWARD



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another academic year I wanted to write to you and thank you for the support and challenge that you have offered our academy. It is a real privilege to work as the Principal of your child's school and I know that we share the same desire to provide a world class education that sets up all young people to progress in their lives. We started the year wanting to improve the experience of all students but particularly those that have additional needs. I am immensely grateful to the parents who came into school and shared their honest views on what we could do to improve - we have listened and with the help of a smaller number of parents have tried to make things better at every opportunity.

I am looking forward to the Post-16 and Year 11 exam results arriving in the summer as we are expecting another year of record breaking outcomes. The attendance of students is significantly better than the national average and rising every year. When you combine this with excellent teaching and pastoral support offered every day it is no surprise that our students are able to achieve better than ever. We are obsessive about outcomes, not for reputational gain, but for the individual good news stories that sit behind every statistic. I want to shake hands with students in the summer as they collect their results and obtain their passport to the job, apprenticeship, university, college or Post-16 place that they desire.

There have been some professionally challenging moments this term as we have navigated the industrial dispute that has impacted on your son or daughter's school experience. I am delighted that the dispute is over and we can get back on with our core business of educating your children. I know that there is some upset and frustration within our community and I give you my commitment that we will work hard for your children to ensure that they do not experience any decline in their educational standards. Our academy is a wonderful place to work, whether you are a student or a member of staff and we have no desire to lose this. We are ready and prepared to raise standards even further in September and give your sons and daughters an exceptional personal development curriculum on top of the outstanding experience that they already have.

My advice to our students at this time of year is always to spend time with their family and friends away from the pressures of school work. I will be spending the next few weeks camping in Cornwall with my family and am very much looking forward to long evenings on the beach watching the sun set. I hope that all of your families are able to get away together and share experiences. All of our students have worked hard this term and deserve a long and restful summer.

We are staggering our return to school in September so that our new Year 7 and Year 12 students can enjoy a day settling in by themselves. The table below summarises the dates for our September opening:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time to return</b>
7 & 12	Monday 8th September before 08:15
8, 9, 10, 11 & 13	Tuesday 9th September before 08:15

Our expectations around the academy uniform are not changing this year. We will continue to have high standards and expect students to wear polishable shoes. Please be mindful that sometimes the “back to school” section of shoe shops also have trainers or fabric shoes that might be acceptable at primary school but they do not form part of our uniform expectations. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that school skirts should not be rolled up or sit more than 3 inches above the knee. If your son or daughter is planning to have any new piercings then please have these done at the beginning of the holiday as we do not allow any form of jewellery including clear plastic piercings.

Please can you ensure that your son or daughter is fully equipped for the new academic year. We expect students to have a bag, planner (which will be provided in September) and pencil case containing a selection of pens and pencils as well as a ruler. This year has seen an alarming rise in the number of pens that have needed to be issued to students. I would rather spend the academy budget on other things that can enhance a student’s experience at school rather than on black or blue pens.

I wish all members of our community a restful and refreshing summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Southern

Principal