

21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this academic year I want to thank you for your ongoing support but also to take the chance to share some updates.

This has been a very busy school year with many, many highlights. I would like to thank every single member of staff for their considerable efforts driving standards on in our pursuit for excellence for all.

At this stage of the year it is customary for staff to be moving on and I would to thank the following staff and wish them well for the future. Miss Harris (Maths); Mr Lynch (Science); Mr Cruttendon (ICT); Mr Sheppard (PE and Head of Faith House); Mrs Gennery (Head of PE) and Mr McCallion (Assistant Head) have all made significant contributions and we wish them every success in their new ventures.

I am delighted to say that we are fully staffed with qualified specialist teachers for September 2023 and I look forward to introducing our excellent new staff in my first letter of the new academic year.

This week we have seen a number of wonderful opportunities and celebratory events for our school community. Sports Day was a real success and congratulations to Faith for their overall triumph. Mrs Nehme deserves a special mention for her leadership of the House system and student engagement this year. We have seen a wide range of activities for students to get involved with facilitated by our talented staff team. Very well done to Hope for winning the House Cup this year, breaking Joy's dominance. Yesterday's Rewards Day was a real highlight. Thank you also to the many parents and carers who attended the Headteacher's Awards on Wednesday. It was very special to acknowledge the excellence of those students being recognised with an award.

As a reminder, the start of the next academic year is 8:45am on Tuesday 5th September for the new Year 7 and Year 12 students. The rest of the school return at 8:45am on Wednesday 6th September and my fabulous staff team will look forward to welcoming every student.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a truly fantastic summer holiday.

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Yours sincerely,

Neil Dimbleby Headteacher