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HEADTEACHER: Mrs C Jones BA (Hons), MSc

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to a well-deserved summer break with your children.

It is hard to believe how quickly this academic year has passed. However, when I reflect on the many exciting opportunities, achievements and experiences our students have enjoyed, it is perhaps no surprise that the year has flown by.

If you do not already follow us, please look at our social media channels on Facebook and TikTok, as well as our half-termly newsletter, where we regularly celebrate the successes and achievements of our school community.

As we look ahead to September, I would like to share some important reminders and updates.

Communication via Arbor

From September, all school communication will be sent through Arbor. Please ensure that the school office has your current email address so that you do not miss any important information.

You will receive a welcome email from Arbor containing a link to set up your account. Arbor also has apps available for both iPhone and Android devices. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to activate their accounts, as Arbor will allow you to access important information about your child, including attendance, behaviour points, achievements, progress and school communications.

To support families with this transition, we will be holding an Arbor troubleshooting evening in September for anyone who requires assistance using the platform.

Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards of uniform and appearance.

Please ensure that your child returns in September with:

- Full school uniform
- Black school shoes
- School tie
- Blazer (or school jumper for Year 11 students)
- Appropriate equipment for learning

As a reminder, false eyelashes, fake tan and make-up are not permitted in school. Students may wear one pair of plain stud earrings only. Nose piercings and any other facial or body piercings are not permitted and must be removed before attending school. Failure to comply with these expectations may result in students being isolated until the issue is resolved.

Further information can be found in our Parent Handbook on the school website.



Attendance

You will know that attendance is a key priority for us, and rightly so. Excellent attendance gives students the very best chance of achieving success, both academically and personally.

We ask for your continued support by:

- Booking medical and dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible
- Avoiding holidays during term time
- Ensuring students arrive punctually each day

Please note that students arriving after 9:30am will receive an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session.

Our dedicated Attendance Team continues to work closely with families and will conduct home visits where students are not attending school.

Mobile Phones

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding the Department for Education's expectations around mobile phones in schools. Our policy remains unchanged.

Mobile phones must be switched off and kept out of sight in bags throughout the school day. If a mobile phone is seen, it will be confiscated and can only be collected by a parent or carer.

Staffing Updates

At the end of this academic year, we say a fond farewell to several valued members of staff.

Mrs Dodd begins her semi-retirement, although we are delighted that she will continue teaching our Year 11 Business Studies students next year. We also wish Mrs Finley, who has served our school community both as a Teaching Assistant and most recently as our Data and Exams Officer, a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Mrs Dewhurst is also leaving us to pursue new opportunities, and we thank her for her contribution to the school.

In September, we are pleased to welcome two new Heads of Year to our pastoral team:

- **Mrs Orrell** – Head of Year 7 and Assistant SENDCo
- **Mrs Aveyard** – Head of Year 8

Mrs Williams will continue as Head of Religious Education while also taking on the role of Chaplaincy Coordinator.

Thank You

As we bring another wonderful academic year to a close, I would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support and partnership. It remains an absolute privilege to serve this exceptional school community, and our students make me proud every single day through their achievements, resilience and kindness. I would also like to personally thank the staff, Trust and governors for their ever-continuing hard work and commitment to our students. As you may be aware, we had a two-day OFSTED inspection last week and we look forward to sharing the published report with you in September.

I wish you and your families a happy, restful and safe summer. We look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Please note our staggered return arrangements:

- **Year 7 and Year 11 students:** Wednesday 2 September at **10:30am**
- **All students:** Thursday 3 September at **8:40am**

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jones'.

Mrs C Jones
Headteacher