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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the year draws to a close, I look back with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together at The Ridgeway. This academic year has been marked by everyone's resilience, determination, and sense of community, making it an unforgettable year.

We have incredible students here at The Ridgeway. They have demonstrated enthusiasm and adaptability in the face of challenges, as well as humour and kindness. I would like to extend my thanks to our exceptional teaching and non-teaching staff. Their unwavering commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment is key to all of us at The Ridgeway. Their passion and dedication shines through in every interaction, and I am deeply grateful for their continued efforts. To our parents and guardians, thank you for your ongoing support, involvement and collaboration.

As always, at this point of year we sadly say goodbye to members of staff. I would particularly like to mention Mrs Lane and Mrs Hodge. Mrs Lane is retiring after 31 years teaching Textiles and Technology. Her creativity, dedication and warmth will be much missed. Mrs Hodge has dedicated her work here at The Ridgeway to developing our Creative Performing Arts department and it is impossible to count the number of students who have enjoyed their parts in many outstanding performances led by the CPA team. I wish every member of staff the best as they embark on exciting next steps in their career.

Some key dates for the Summer period are:

A Level Results Day – Thursday 17th August 2023 (results available to students from 0830)

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 24th August 2023 (results and R6 enrolment available to students from 0900)

Year 7 and Year 12 first day - Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 0845

All Years – Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 0845

Finally, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. Take this time to recharge, spend quality moments with loved ones, and come back refreshed and ready to embark on another exciting chapter in our journey.

Warmest regards,

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Adrian Cush Principal

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