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Dear parents and carers

Weekly letter: end of Summer 1 half term.

Today marks the end of this half term. School reopens for all students in Years 7 to 10 on Monday 7th June.

Changes to Heads of Year after half term. As Y11 leave today, we are making some changes to Heads of Year and in doing so support all the planning for the new intake coming in September into Year 7, and so:

- **Current Y7:** Miss Green will become Head of Year and continue with them as they move into Y8.
- Miss Roberts who has been Head of Year 7 will focus during the summer term on getting to know those who will be the *new* Year 7 in September.
- **Current Y8:** Mr Hayes will continue as their Head of Year and will take them into Y9.
- **Current Y9:** Miss Gebelli will continue as their Head of Year and will take them into Year 10.
- **Current Y10:** As Miss Green has moved to the current Y7 and Ms Busek will no longer have the Y11 who have left today, Ms Busek will become Head of Y10 and continue with them in Y11.

Years 7 to 10 end of year examinations/assessments. Preparation for end of year examinations and assessments. I wrote to you last week regarding this. We want your child to show their best so that we can recognise their achievements. Please support them in the revision that their teachers have provided.

Year 9 options. For those of you with children in Year 9 we are not able to confirm options at this point as first hoped. We are in the process of confirming numbers in each option subject and staffing in our timetable for next year and will be in a position to do that during June.

Year 11. To those of you with children in Year 11, today will have been their last day in secondary school – a milestone in their life but also for you as parents as you see them turning into young adults as they leave secondary school. We hope they enjoyed *'The Big Send Off'* – look on our Facebook page for pictures of their last day that we hope was filled with wonderful memories of school and their year group.

To Year 11 parents, I want to send my sincere thanks for all you have done to support us and your child get through this last year and encourage them to work so hard in this last period of assessing them in school in the absence of examinations. *GCSE results' day is 12 August.* We will send you further details of how this will work nearer the time, reflecting any revisions to COVID-safe guidance that the Government release.

Staff leaving today. **Emma Haworth** (Teaching Assistant) leaves us today after more than a decade of service to the school which stretches beyond her teaching assistant duties to a very active and highly regarded role in supporting the performing arts in the school. She goes with our deep thanks and best wishes for the future. **Nick Hilton** (Senior Pastoral Lead) leaves today to take up a post at a school in Bolton. He leaves with our best wishes and thanks for all his work on behaviour, attendance and safeguarding.

COVID-19 home testing. This half term has felt the most normal in over a year and we are grateful to you for supporting the continuing twice-weekly home testing. Please continue with this over the half term break – on Sunday and Wednesday – and please report the test outcomes in the normal way. The pandemic is not over and we are only too aware of the spike due to new variants not too far from our own community. Collectively, let's do all we can to keep each other safe and well. Thank you to *all* parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,
Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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