



19 July 2024

Rachel Hutchinson  
**Principal**

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Principal's End of Year Letter**

As we approach the end of another academic year, I am delighted to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students and staff. This year has been filled with successes across all aspects of College life, from academic accomplishments to sporting triumphs and creative pursuits. We eagerly anticipate Results Day, confident that our students' hard work and dedication will be rewarded.

I am particularly proud of the recent Enrichment Week and Work Experience Programme, which saw staff and students exemplifying our character virtues, such as teamwork and resilience, beyond the classroom. These experiences have provided invaluable opportunities for personal growth and real-world learning. I hope you enjoy reading the Celebrating Enrichment 2023-2024 document which is attached. This week's Year Group Celebration Evenings have been a testament to the extraordinary talents and efforts of our students. It was a joy to celebrate their many successes.

Throughout the year, our College community has exemplified our core values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Aspiration. These principles have guided our actions and decisions, fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to several long-standing colleagues who have contributed significantly to our students' success. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our long service leavers: Amy Pearce, Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead after 22 years of service, Gwen Price, Teacher of Geography for 34 years, and Sharon Terry for 19 years of dedicated service to the College Sixth Form. Mr Matt Annis, will be continuing in his role as Designated Safeguarding Lead alongside a very strong and experienced team of safeguarding experts.

We also wish the very best to other colleagues moving on to promotions and further career development. Their passion for education has left an indelible mark on countless students' lives.

We will be welcoming a number of newly appointed teachers to the College in September, and will look forward to introducing them as part of the new academic year news. In particular, I would like to welcome Nicola Offer, to the role of Deputy Principal, who will be overseeing Sixth Form and Personal Development.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I kindly remind you to ensure your child is fully prepared with the correct uniform and equipment. Maintaining high standards in appearance and behaviour is crucial in creating a focused and productive learning atmosphere. Please may I advise that parents do not spend unnecessary money on expensive trainers that do not meet the dress code, or permit hair styles, nail or eye lash extensions that are prohibited items. We appreciate your support in upholding these expectations.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can inspire our students to reach their full potential and prepare them for a bright future.

Finally, can we encourage students to rest, recharge and engage in enriching activities. Please ensure they stay safe when out and about and we look forward to welcoming them back in September, ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson  
**Principal**

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