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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term Letter

We have now reached the end of the 2022-23 academic year and as always it has been active and busy. There have been many highlights, too many to mention individually, but these included representing Suffolk with our Lord Lieutenant's proclamation as part of Suffolk day, over 2000 hours of extra-curricular activity offered, Music Concerts, Dance show, school production, sporting success in Netball, Basketball and Football, numerous trips; this list goes on and on. We also have lessons and great learning in place.

We said goodbye to our year 11 students and look forward to celebrating their success in the last week of August. In September we will once again welcome our new intake of year 7 students who will begin their five-year journey towards brilliance.

Our community is under pressure with the lack of investment, under-resourcing and the rising impact of negative influences. This not only affects the students outside of school but has a significant impact in school. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who support your children during the school day.

However, school is only a small part of their year. In fact, students are only in school for 14% of their time each year. This raises a couple of key points – every minute in school is important, and raising a child is the responsibility of the whole community and requires an effective partnership. Next year our key theme is raising standards: standards of attendance, standards of behaviour and attitudes and standards of achievement. This cannot be done by the school working alone. It involves you. As of September, we will be strongly and consistently reinforcing the school's codes of conduct and expectations. This will include:

- Attendance and punctuality
- Uniform and jewellery - please DO NOT have any new piercings over the summer that cannot be removed for the first day of term.
- Mobile phones
- Cooperation and respect
- Preparedness to learn - having the right attitudes and equipment to learn including school laptops.

This will be explained to students during our final whole school assembly on Friday 21 July. Students will be dismissed directly after the assembly at 2.45pm.

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I understand that over the last two years we have had to deal with the effects of the economy and COVID, but if we do not focus on standards, we let the children down. Only through consistent standards will we prepare the students for the future. I know that everyone wants our children to be successful. I know that you will support the school so we can make the best of the 14%. You know that we will support you with the remaining 86%.

This year we are saying goodbye to a number of staff who have been part of this community for many years. Whilst they leave us, they will always be part of this VALUED community. Miss Stannard who has been teaching for 32 years, many of you will have been taught by Miss Stannard and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a happy retirement.

Mrs Dean our long serving examinations officer and Mrs Reason our finance assistant will also be retiring after 16 years. I wish them a restful, calm and well-deserved retirement as they take on their next adventure.

Mrs Abbott will also be leaving us after 17 years to take up a new post in Harwich, we wish her every success in her new post.

We will welcome students back on Wednesday 6 September. We will be staggering the start of the term to allow new year 7 students to familiarise themselves with the school site. We look forward to greeting year 7 students on Wednesday 6 September at 8.15 am for an 8.25am start. Students will gather at the front entrance where their form tutor will greet them and escort them to their tutor base. Year 7 will be the only students onsite on the Wednesday and this will support their transition.

The remaining students will start on Thursday 7 September, arriving by 8.15am for an 8.25am start. Years 7 and 9 will line up at the front of the school to be escorted to their form room by their form tutor. Years 8 and 10 will line up at the rear of the school to be escorted to their form room by their form tutor. Year 11 will arrive via the front entrance of the school and go directly to their form room.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support this year and I know that next year you will continue to support us to ensure your children maintain high standards and high levels of achievement.

Yours sincerely

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