

22nd July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: End of Year

I write at the end of what has been a very busy couple of weeks. These weeks have been a great sign-off for the year. The focus this year for myself and the staff team has been to put back in place all the varied learning opportunities we want to provide for our students. The activities of the last couple of weeks have evidenced that we are well on the way to reinstating and enhancing a rich diet of educational opportunities for our students.

The last couple of weeks have seen:

- language students on residential trips in both France and Spain
- the whole of our Year 7 and 8 students visiting and engaging with the exhibits at the Science Museum, the Tate Modern and the Museum of London
- a trip to the Royal Opera House for our Year 12 students to see Verdi's Otello
- inter-house sports day competitions for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students
- the completion of a packed summer sports fixture list which saw out cricket, athletic and tennis teams competing in multiple fixtures
- 20 of our Year 12 students on a residential visit to Cambridge University
- all of our Year 12 students on work experience at a large variety of different work places.

The final week culminated in our summer concert and the art and design exhibition. Our students were joined in the concert by one of world's finest chamber music ensembles, the London Mozart Players, who have been working with our orchestras over the last year. It was a wonderful evening.

I believe that three elements are common to all of these activities:

- Partnerships – it is through collaborative working that we are able to extend and enhance the provision for all of our students. This is seen in our partnership with outside organisations, such as the London Mozart players. However, our partnership with you, the parents and carers, is the most important one, and I am deeply grateful for your support through this year.

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- The second element is 'instructional excellence'. The exceptional work on display in the exhibitions and concert came about through the hard work and dedication of the students married with sustained high-quality instruction by our teachers. Such teaching is at the heart of all high-quality education and this is what we have striven for across the school this year, and what will remain our unrelenting focus next year.
- The final element is ambition of the school and the educators working within it, of the students, and of you, the parents and carers. We are all committed to giving our very best to ensure all of our young people thrive.

I would like to sign off by reiterating my thanks for all of your support over the last year. I wish you all well for the summer and look forward to welcoming you to the school early in the new academic year.

The dates for the return to school are:

Tuesday 30th August – Year 7 – start of Yr 7 Induction Week

Friday 2nd September – Year 12/13 Induction

Monday 5th September – Year 7-13 – whole school back

Kind regards,

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