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Dear Parent/Carer

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I write to you wondering where this academic year has gone. Already we have said goodbye to our Year 11, who looked spectacular at their Prom last week. Year 13 have also said their goodbyes and will join us for an afternoon bbq to wish them well with their future careers. Both of these year groups showed such an amazing attitude towards their studies: they should all feel proud of their efforts and I wish them good luck for their results in August.

We have a busy end of term approaching starting with Challenge Week next week. This is a great enrichment opportunity for our students with many different activities taking place, locally, nationally and internationally. All events will take place over the period of Monday to Thursday. Friday will have a feedback theme, with students reflecting on the activities they have taken part in and the characteristics they have developed as a result of their participation.

This is then followed by students starting their timetable for the new academic year for the final two weeks of the term. This will provide an opportunity for students to meet their new teachers and tutors; explore areas of the curriculum through varied learning tasks; and focus on setting their personal targets for the coming year. Students will be provided with their new timetable at the end of Challenge Week when they will have their final assembly in their current year group. We have also invited our new Year 7 and Year 12 students to join us for the first week providing a great opportunity to iron out any problems and allay any fears that the students may have before the summer holiday break.

The programme for these two weeks is as follows:

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 10.07.17	Students will be participating in a mixture of team building events and wellbeing sessions. For periods 4 and 5, students will be completing their new timetable lessons.	This will be from period 1 to period 3 (period 4 for Y12). Students will be in tutor groups for these sessions. Please ensure that your son/daughter has all the necessary equipment and kit for these lessons.
Tuesday 11.07.17	Students will follow their new timetable for all the periods of the day.	Please ensure that your son/daughter has all the necessary equipment and kit for these lessons.



Wednesday 12.07.17	Sports Day	Parents are invited to spectate at this annual event from 1.15pm and are required to sign in at the Sports Centre Reception before being escorted over to the spectators' area
Thursday 13.07.17	Students will follow their new timetable for all the periods of the day. Awards Evening (Years 7-10)	Please ensure that your son/daughter has all the necessary equipment and kit for these lessons. We will be celebrating with students and parents both academic and personal achievements that have been gained through the year. Awards are presented for excellence that can take many forms and this is a great way to support the Academy's vision of "inspiring success".
Friday 14.07.17	Plymfest	This will be held on the Academy field and is open to parents from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a variety of stalls that students have developed with their tutor and it promises to be an exciting event. In the case of bad weather the stalls will be moved indoors. Students are allowed to wear mufti for the day, but we ask that instead of bringing in £1, students bring in an item for our Tombola stall that Mrs Pitcher is running with her tutor group. Please can any consumable items please be in date and not opened. All money raised from the event will go towards purchasing of our new minibus.

Our final day of the term, Friday 21st July, is a chance to celebrate many of the successes that have occurred through the year and provides us with an opportunity to gather as a whole school in our final assembly. The celebrations will finish at 1pm and students will be able to leave school after this event. Those students eligible for free school meals will be able to collect their lunch from the Academy's canteen before they leave.

The weeks ahead are going to be busy but exciting, and I am really looking forward to celebrating with the students through this period. Can I ask that students' uniform remains smart, with suitable skirt length and plain black shoes in particular. Punctuality at the start of the day has also been an issue for some students and so a reminder that lessons start at 08:40 and therefore students need to be in the Academy no later than 08:30 in order to be on time for period 1.

Can I thank you once again for all the support that, as parents and carers, you have shown the Academy this year and I wish you all a great summer holiday.

Kind regards,



Lisa Boorman
Principal