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Re: End of term arrangements and arrangements for September

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this academic year, I have taken some time to reflect on the challenges we have all faced over the last sixteen months, and in particular, those faced by our students. Their resilience continues to astound me and I have been immensely proud of them and their commitment to learning. Our students truly are a credit to the school, and to you as parents and carers.

Despite the challenges, we have had another very successful academic year. The year started with the incredible news that we were named the 'most improved school in the North of England' and we have ended the year being shortlisted for a Business Education award for 'Outstanding Progress- Secondary School'. This is testament to the hard work and commitment of all staff and students.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support, not only with keeping up with the changes to the school routine and home learning, but also with our fundraising activities. With your help, we have raised a phenomenal amount for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and The Prince of Wales Hospice, who were Pontefract Academies Trust's chosen charity partners for this year. Even in a year where we haven't been able to hold as many charity events as we normally would, we have still managed to raise in excess of £8000 for some incredibly worthy causes.

As previously communicated, the government has announced its step 4 plans for lifting covid restrictions. I am sure you will join me in welcoming the fact by the time the new term starts in September, life will have returned to some form of the normality we enjoyed pre pandemic. I am incredibly hopeful that it will be a much more settled year in school for both students and staff. We have lots of exciting events planned such as trips to New York, Iceland, Italy and a ski trip, and our Performing Arts Department have some sensational productions in the pipeline.

With this in mind, I want to share some information with you about our end of term arrangements and plans for the new academic year.

Arrangements for the End of Term

The school will close for the summer break on Friday, 23 July at 3.05 pm. The school reception will also be closed from this date and will re-open on Tuesday, 7 September at 8am. Phone calls will not be answered during this time and the admin email inbox will only be checked once a week. Therefore, if you have any pressing questions, please get in touch before Friday, 23 July.

Arrangements for the Start of Term – September 2021

The start of a new academic year is always a crucial and exciting time. **One key change from September is the requirement for students to be on site ready to line up at 8:55am.** This will ensure a smooth and efficient start to every school day. The table overleaf shows some key dates for returning in September:

Date	Event
Friday 3 September	Pre-return covid testing for students as per allocated time slot (see letter dated 15/7/21).
Monday 6 September	INSET - Staff only.
Tuesday 7 September	INSET - Staff only. Pre-return covid testing for students as per allocated time slot (see letter dated 15/7/21).
Wednesday 8 September	School open to all year groups.

School Uniform

As you know, our students are extremely smart and we place the highest regard on their personal presentation and how they wear their uniform. We want our students to look their absolute best. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy before you prepare to buy new items over the summer break. You can read our uniform policy by clicking [here](#).

In particular, please ensure skirts are knee length. It may be that your child has grown over the year and the skirt length which met expectations last year may now be too short.

To support families in ensuring the uniform items purchased meet our expectations, we will be holding a 'Uniform Checking Session' where, if you wish, you can come into school with the uniform you have purchased and we will check it meets our expectations before the start of the school year. Please keep your receipts and leave the labels on so you can return any items which are not required. You can drop in anytime on **Monday 23 August between 9:00am and 11:00am**. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for your support of the standards we wish to uphold as a school.

Equipment

When arriving back in September, all students will be expected to have a school bag and the following basic equipment: two black ballpoint pens, pencil, ruler, purple pen and a rubber. Please note, year 7 students will be provided with a 'Welcome to Carleton High School' pack which will contain a pencil case and equipment. In addition, all students will be expected to have a calculator. Equipment checks will take place on a daily basis.

And Finally

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to parents and carers for the massive amount of support we have received whilst we have navigated such an extraordinary year. It is genuinely appreciated.

All that remains is to wish everyone a restful and safe summer break and, in what's becoming a bit of a Team Carleton tradition, our staff have compiled a video to start the summer break with a bang! Please take a look at the following link: <https://youtu.be/3iUiRE24dlg>

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students on Wednesday 8 September, for another positive and successful year.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Cross
Headteacher