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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another extraordinary year. As we have said frequently to the students, when the history books are written in the future both 2020 and 2021 will feature prominently. It has been an exceptionally challenging period for everyone associated with the school and we would like to thank the staff for their loyalty and dedication, parents for their support and the students for their resilience.

As previously announced in May, during the academic year 2021 to 2022, we will be joint co-headteachers of The Stonehenge School working together to ensure all of our pupils are provided with the provision they need to build successful futures. Each of us will have different responsibilities across the school which will be communicated with parents in the new academic year.

A key priority for the new academic year is returning to 'business as usual'. Therefore we are writing to reinforce our expectations and to provide important information which we hope will support students and families in settling back into school in September.

1. End of term

Summer term ends on Friday 23 July. School will finish at 12.30pm.

2. GCSE results

These are issued earlier than usual this summer. Year 11 leavers may collect their results from the atrium from 10.00am on Thursday 12 August.

3. Beginning of term in September

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| • Wednesday 1 September & Thursday 2 September | TD Days (staff only) |
| • Friday 3 September | Year 7 only |
| • Monday 6 September | All students return |

All students will undergo lateral flow testing at the start of autumn term and further information will be provided in due course.

4. Staff leaving at the end of term

We are sorry to bid farewell to the following staff who leave this summer :



- Mrs Kate Doole is taking a career break after 7 years at the school providing excellent support to our SEN students. Her commitment to the students in her care has been outstanding and we wish her well for the future.
- Mr Chris Mining is moving to a promoted post as Head of MFL at a secondary school in Wiltshire, after working at the school for 4 years.
- Mr Howard Hooper joined our science department in 2020 and leaves us to relocate to Kenya with his family.
- Mrs Carol Taylor is retiring after 15 years outstanding service, firstly as a TA and more recently as senior science technician. We wish Carol a very pleasant, relaxing and enjoyable retirement.
- Two of our TA's are leaving this summer, Miss Katie Holmes and Miss Hollie Sherburne. Miss Sherburne returns in September as a trainee teacher in our English department.

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Mr Jo Waterman and Miss Simone Pavey whose wedding takes place at the start of the summer holiday. (They are not leaving).

5. School uniform, PE kit and hairstyles

At our last Ofsted inspection the lead inspector praised our students wholesomely, not only for their courtesy and behaviour but also for the high standard of their uniform. When students returned to school after two long periods of national lockdown some were slow to readjust to our high expectations of appearance and dress. At the start of this letter I stated that September should mark a return to 'business as usual'. One of the key roles of secondary school is to prepare young people for adult life and employment, and most work places have a strict dress code or uniform policy. School is no different – it is also a workplace. When your child returns to school in September please help them to avoid unnecessary confrontation by ensuring their uniform, hairstyle and appearance comply with school policy. Please follow this link for further detail :

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2021/05/Uniform-2021-v2.pdf>

6. Phase 2 building extension 2021-22.

The second phase of our rebuilding programme should commence next Easter. Construction will begin on our £4.5 million extension which will replace the old Lower School building, due to be demolished in summer 2023.

We wish everyone a very enjoyable and happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students and staff back at the beginning of September.

Mrs C A Dean
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