

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard for all our students this year. We all belong to two wonderful schools whose small size gives them the opportunity to foster a personalised learning experience for each of our students. We are very proud of your children and the work they have done this year.

During 2021/22 we have been able to provide the ambitious education we strive for in a much more meaningful way. The world continues to be a challenging place for young people and the difficulties our country has faced in recent years has left many finding life more demanding in many ways. We are always amazed by the resilience of our students and the support staff and parents provide. This year we have all contributed to building the strong foundations our students need to thrive.

In particular, my thoughts turn to our Y11 students who have pressed on throughout the challenges of the past two years and especially those that are predicted to out-perform their target grades. What an achievement that would be! Next year's Year 11 group can be much more certain they will complete the normal externally verified GCSE examinations. We hope this will help them to hit the ground running as soon as they start in September.

As this year draws to an end the school takes time to be together in a different way; our Sports Day, Grand Day Out and Olympic Week activities all pay their part in developing in students the social and physical skills that they may have missed out on in the last two years. This is a time to come together as a school and further develop the relationships that makes our schools such a special place to be.

Attached to this letter is your student's end of year report. Please spend some time recognising your child's strengths, encouraging them for the good they have done and considering some targets for the year to come. In one way or another they have all grown and developed.

Looking ahead to next year and further into the future I am hugely optimistic for both schools and our students. Following our previous head teacher leaving at this time last year we have regenerated our leadership team; stronger, harder working and more committed than ever before. Caring for those around us at the core of what we do. As a team we are all looking to ambitiously drive both of our schools further forward to achieve the best for our students.

It is important to ensure our children remain safe over the summer, as they may miss the structure of school. We continue to support students in understanding their responsibilities as a good citizen, and how to keep themselves, and others, safe. We would encourage parents to be mindful of their child's choices over the summer period. If you are going away over the holiday, can we say thank you on behalf of the attendance team for not booking during term time. Most importantly, we wish everyone a very happy six weeks of the holiday.

School opens for the students to return on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the normal time of 8:40am. Students should arrive promptly and well equipped. If you need new uniform, please ensure this is bought before that start of the new school year. Please also note that trainers will now only be permissible for outdoor PE lessons. Student will need to arrive at school in **black leather school shoes**. We very much look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. E. Hailwood', written in a cursive style.

Tom Hailwood  
Headteacher