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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of this school year - one that has seen significant disruption, I think that it is worth reflecting on the strength of the school community and the way it has faced these challenges, helped by the strong partnership between students, staff and parents/carers.

I would like to begin by thanking you as parents and carers for the support that you have given this year, working with the school during extended periods of remote learning to ensure that your children continued to engage with their education, as well as coping with students being sent home at short notice. I would also like to thank all the staff at Caedmon for the immense time and effort that has gone into finding new ways of teaching and providing pastoral care and also for ensuring that the teacher assessed grades for Year 11 and 13 students have been properly calculated. Finally, my thanks to our students who have showed great resilience in adapting to new ways of working and dealing with all the regulations that have had to be put in place in school. In particular we are looking forward to celebrating with our exam students in August, when they receive their GCSE and A-level results.

Some things have managed to continue more normally, and it was great to see numbers of students taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions earlier this term, involving some strenuous kayaking in the Lake District. We were also able to put on the Burberry Challenge for our Year 7 students, which involved a clothing design competition using Burberry fabric and support from Burberry employees. Continuing Mr Riley's innovation of Hot Chocolate Friday for rewarding students' positive behaviour, I held the first Principal's Brunch for Year 10 students who had achieved their targets during the recent Year 10 exams, and I plan to continue to hold these for all year groups in the next school year to celebrate effort, progress and contribution. Mr Mastrolonardo has written a great report of the year's sporting activities that have been able to take place – please see the attached pages to this letter. There is also some useful information about PE kit too.

We are looking forward to a more normal approach to education next year, without the need for year group bubbles, and with teachers once again based in their own specialist rooms. However, this is of course subject to last minute changes depending on where the country is with Covid at the start of September. What we know already is that all schools have been asked to administer lateral flow tests to students when they return, and we will be operating a staggered start to term during the first week back so that we can organise this safely. Therefore the first week back will look like this:

- Monday 6 September
 - Training Day for staff
 - Year 7, 8, 12 and 13 students to come in for testing. **Please note that students will only be in school for their test and then will return home.**
- Tuesday 7 September
 - Years 7, 8 and 13 in school all day

- Years 9, 10 and 11 students in for testing. **These students are to return home once they have been tested.**
- Wednesday 8 September
 - Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in school
- Thursday 9 September
 - All year groups back in school.

Timings for when testing will take place for different year groups will be sent out to you nearer to the return to school date. One aspect of the changes that we have had to put in place this year which will be kept is retaining a staggered morning break, as this eases the flow of students through the school canteen, allowing us to serve students more easily within the time we have. Other than this, the school day should be the same as in our pre-Covid days.

It is always sad at this time of year to say goodbye to colleagues who are moving on, and this year we bid farewell to Mrs Carter (Head of Technology), Mr Almond (Maths), Miss Charters (Maths) and Mr Cutler (History). I would like to thank them for all the hard work that they have put into their teaching here at Caedmon and to wish them well for the future. Between them, Mrs Carter and Mr Almond have served the school for over 40 years which I'm sure you will agree is very impressive!

We will be welcoming new colleagues in September: in Maths, a new Head of Department - Miss Dorgan and Miss Baxter; a new History teacher - Miss Jenkins, and two new Technology teachers - Ms Quinn and Miss Lydon.

As I have said in a previous letter, we want students to be adhering to our uniform policy when they return in September and so this is a reminder that the current policy expects skirts to be knee length. We have held off any sanctions for skirts shorter than this for the remainder of the current school year, but will be enforcing this policy after the summer.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support of Caedmon College; we hugely value our relationship with you; this relationship is so important, particularly during these challenging times. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our students back in September and hope that you all enjoy a restful and, hopefully, sunny summer break.

Yours sincerely



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The following models are supported by the College:

- Casio fx-83GTplus (solar powered)
- Casio fx-83GTX (battery powered)
- Casio fx-85GTplus (solar powered)
- Casio fx-85GTX (battery powered)

These models are approved for use in all UK exams where a calculator is allowed.

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