



Friday 18 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing with some information about arrangements for the end of this school year and some further information about necessary Year group management changes.

You will be aware from my letter of 18 April that we are planning work for the two projects approved through our Capital Investment Funding Bid to the DfE. We are also planning our statutory Electrical Testing work. Due to the nature of the works, all must be completed while staff and students are off site during the summer holidays. Having just prepared the specification of works, in order to provide the best opportunity for completion during that period, our contracts management company has requested that we use Friday 20 July to bring all necessary equipment and materials on to our site so that it can be set up over the next days, ready to begin work on Monday 23 July. It is therefore with regret that we have taken the decision to end term at 12pm on Thursday 19 July instead of Friday 20 July as previously published. I appreciate that for some families there will be necessary alternative child care arrangements to put in place. I do however hope you understand the school's rationale for this change.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you news of the start of Ms Bedier's Maternity Leave at the end of this half term. I know you will join with me in wishing her well. The Maternity Cover role for the Head of Year 7 will be taken by Mrs Doel, starting after the half term break. Mrs Doel is an experienced Head of Year and has been covering the Maternity Leave for Ms Madden as Head of Year 9. Following a phased return to work, Ms Madden will be taking up the role of Head of Year 9 after the half term break. It is envisaged that Ms Madden will of course remain with her year group throughout Key Stage 4.

Year 7 and 9 students will hear about the changes and meet their new Heads of Year in assemblies next week. I will write to you again with news of a Coffee Morning after half term, for families of students in Year 7 and Year 9 to come in to school and meet their daughter's new Head of Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students taking Public Examinations, all the best and every success.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully

Violet Walker
Headteacher