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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the academic year I would like to thank you for the support you have given to your children and us as staff.

When I joined The Long Eaton School in January I wanted to make our school the best it could possibly be for our students. They deserve that. This goal remains the same. Over the last few months I have got to know our students better and on a more personal level. They are intelligent young people, with high aspirations, and try and be the best they can be day in, day out.

Since joining we have implemented new behaviour systems and lesson structures to support students in a calmer learning environment. This has been characterised by clear learning routines to allow all students to succeed. The vast majority of our young people have risen to these high expectations and deserve huge credit. To them I would like to say thank you!

When we return in September this will continue to be our focus alongside developing student leadership opportunities. We have already started with our Prefects and Anti-bullying Ambassadors who are already appointed, but there will be more opportunities to come. In addition, we will be increasing the rewards to those students who consistently get it right and those who make progress to do so. That recognition and encouragement is vital in supporting success.

We will also be looking to expand our opportunities outside of the classroom for all year groups. These experiences can be so valuable to a child's education and often give them fabulous memories of their education in later life.

End of Term Arrangements

Our final day of this academic year is Friday 21st July. School will finish for students at 2:00pm. Lunch time will operate as normal therefore students will have access to food before leaving. If you would like your child to remain on site until 3:00pm please contact our school reception and we will be in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

Return to School

Our new academic year will begin on Monday 4th September. All students will be expected to arrive for 8.30am and will be dismissed at 1:00pm to allow for staff training in the afternoon. Again, all students will have access to lunch on site. On this day we will be preparing students for their return to learning. This will involve assemblies, sharing expectations and routines, giving out timetables and providing other relevant and important information before they begin their lessons on Tuesday 5th September.

Uniform

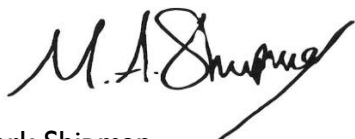
I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your child arrives every day in full school uniform. This area of school is much improved. You will be aware that I met parents regarding summer uniform a few weeks ago. As a result, we are finalising plans to send to parents on revised expectations for our students when we face hot temperatures. I hope you will find this a useful and sensible approach.

Finally, thank you for welcoming me to your school and community. I have settled into my role really well as a result of support from students, staff and parents. I have tried to be as accessible as possible and meet you whenever possible, and I hope that this has helped in some small way.

Have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully

The Long Eaton School



Mark Shipman
Principal