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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family had a positive holiday and managed to enjoy some pleasant weather. I wanted to take this opportunity to write with a few updates, including important revised end of term arrangements (at end of letter).

A massive well done to Year 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13 for their approach to SATs, GCSEs and Post 16 exams. It's been a pleasure to see how they have both behaved through their exams as well as how much effort they have put in. Whatever their results, they should feel proud of themselves for this. It's also a busy time of year for Year 10 preparing for their mocks and Year 12 attending Open Days for universities and considering next steps.

Staffing news
We don't have many staff leaving this year, and we will update about staffing changes at the end of term, but there are a couple of staff members who I would like to take the opportunity to thank for their contribution to the school who parents will know and join me in sending best wishes for the future.

Firstly, Andrea William-Jones leaves Olympus Academy Trust on 31st August. After 10 years' service, firstly at Winterbourne Academy and latterly at BSCS, Andrea has decided to pursue new opportunities and challenges outside of the Trust.

Throughout her time with the Trust, her positive outlook and commitment to student progress have been at the forefront of her practice. We wish her well in pastures new.

We are also saying goodbye to Nikki Hallur, who has worked within our Learning Support Team this year, who we're pleased is remaining in education and we wish her all the best for her future career in teaching.

We have also welcomed back Funsho Osinoiki, who takes back 10P, from Miss Erek.

Updated End of Term Arrangements
There are many things to look forward to this term, including Sports Day; Music Summer Showcase; Year 8 Oscars; Year 11 and 13 Leavers' Assemblies/Proms and welcoming our new Year 7s on the Year 6 Transition Days. We will also train and celebrate our new student leaders such as Peer Mentors, Tutor Captains and our Post-16 Leadership Team.

Tutor Captains: Mr Burnell is launching the new round of Inter Tutor captains (two per tutor group current Years 7-10) and School Captain (Year 10 only) applications for September in assemblies next week. The deadline for applications is end of Friday 13th June – this is a short turnaround due to the time taken to organise their hoodies for next year.

We are busy planning our end of term arrangements, which we have had to change slightly due to unforeseen circumstances.

Friday 11th July:
We will end the week with our summer whole school assembly, which will be held at the end of the day before **students are dismissed at normal time**. We will be announcing the eagerly awaited Inter Tutor competition and the winners of a reward trip that we have managed to put on for the winning tutor groups in Years 7-9. Due to Work Experience and how busy Term 6 is for Year 10, we are afraid we cannot offer this to the Year 10 winners but are looking at what we can do for them as an alternative. We are not yet able to guarantee this for this year but will see what we can do.

Monday 14th – 18th July:
Year 12 Futures Week and Year 10 Work Experience are essential experiences for our students and we are proud of the varied offer they are accessing.

Enrichment Week is going to be a wonderful end of term at secondary, with a range of residentials, trips and in school activities, as well as Bronze Duke of Edinburgh for Year 9 – the first time we have been able to offer this.

We are finalising plans for Years 7 to 9 on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th, but we are hoping to hold celebration assemblies; charity football matches; challenges and the 'Great BSCS picnic'.

We will be closing at 12:20 pm on Friday 18th to allow us to say farewell to staff and come together as a staff body. Students will be dismissed from 12:05 pm onwards.

School calendar and key dates
We will be writing with year group updates for next year before the end of term, to give you advance notice of key dates and events for your child/children.

A reminder that Friday 4th July is a staff inset day, so school will be closed to students. Sports Day is on Tuesday 8th July. All students should wear their BSCS PE kit for the whole day.

And finally, please do remember that our school calendar is available on the school website - which includes parent/carer evenings and key dates.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sophie Francis
Headteacher