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Dear parents,

End of Term Letter – Year 10

As we come to the end of this unusual academic year I am writing to update you on some the arrangements for the end of term and some other matters that need your attention.

Thank you to all of you for working so closely with us in ensuring that your daughters and sons have been supported as well as possible during the last few months. It has been wonderful having the students back in school over the last few weeks. They have conducted themselves extremely well and have been working hard to catch up with work they have fallen behind with.

I wrote to you last week to explain the government's guidance for schools from September. If you have not seen that letter you will be able to access a copy on our website.

Students will break up for the summer holidays on **Friday 17th at 12:30**. I have agreed that this will be a non-uniform day. We will have an assembly for the students to recognise their achievements this year. On Thursday 16th students will finish at 12:50. This is so that we can run some staff training. If your son or daughter is a member of the student leadership team they will stay in school for the afternoon and will be part of the staff training.

Attached to this letter are the key dates for next academic year along with the dress code for students. These can also be found on the school website. We have updated the dress code and have made one key change; students will now be permitted to wear one, small, nose stud. This change was implemented after students presented their case to me. Please note the rules around other piercings along with the requirements for footwear.

Students were asked whether they would like to keep their blue ties next academic year or change to the black ties that year 11 usually wear. They were overwhelmingly in favour of wearing black ties. The black ties can be purchased through parent pay and cost £5. If any parents are struggling to meet this cost please let us know.

Can I also ask that parents contact us if home circumstances have changed, particularly if anyone in the family is now unemployed. You may be entitled to free school meals for your child.

One additional change that we are making from September is in the sanctions for the use of mobile phones in school. If a student's phone is visible, or goes off whilst in the building, the phone will be confiscated. During a half term period the students will be able to pick up their phones at the end of the day after the first confiscation. A second confiscation within the same half term will result in the phone being retained until the Friday of that week. If a phone is confiscated 3 times a parent will



have to come into school to collect it. We have implemented these additional sanctions to try and discourage students from using their phones during the school day. Can I please ask that you do not contact your son or daughter via their mobile phones during school hours; if you need to get a message to them, please call the school reception.

Year 11 will return to school on **Friday September 4th**.

I hope that you and your family have a restful summer break. Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns about the content of this letter or any other matter.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

