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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to thank you for your support over the last year. The children have been fantastic, the school is going from strength to strength and I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher of our school. We are of course always learning and seeking to improve, however there are so many things for us to be proud of as a community and I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to thank you for your support in ensuring that our school continues to improve.

This year the school has, for the first time in a long time, been graded 'good' in every category by Ofsted. This is something that we should all be very proud of. We have run a number of events designed to support children to develop their character and develop as well - rounded, kind people, able to successfully climb their own personal mountains to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing. The more we can support children to develop as people, the more likely they are to be successful at the top of that mountain. These events have included a fantastic sports day, an international culture day, a brilliant production, University visits, mock interviews and a revamped student leadership team. Particular credit is due to the student leadership team as they have gathered student voice and as a result the facilities management company have agreed to completely refurbish the student bathrooms. This is an example of character 'in action' and I am very proud of them. Thank you to all of the parents who attended International Culture Day and an enormous thank you to the student leaders who organised it. The Resource Base has had a fantastic residential trip, their annual 'it's a knockout' competition and a very high quality, bespoke education throughout the year. This year, for the first time ever, a school on this site has achieved exam results in line with the national average. Again, this is something that we should all be proud of. I know that the results will only continue to improve from here. Our Year 10 boys also reached the final of the Woodcock Shield, I couldn't be prouder of every single one of them, and was blown away by the number of parents who came to support.

As ever, when we come to the end of an academic year there are a number of staff to say goodbye to. We say goodbye to Ms Wakeley and Ms Harland in the Resource Base and thank them for their work as Teaching Assistants there. We also wish Ms Carter, Mr Fisher, Ms Evans, Ms Swindell and Mr Soupionis well for their next steps and thank them for their work at our school. A special goodbye is reserved for Ms Greening and Mrs Brightley respectively. Both have worked at the school for 23 years and have been an integral part of the school's life. Mrs Brightley may well have been Head of Year for some parents reading this. I wish both a long and happy retirement.

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We will welcome a number of new members of staff next year. I will write to everyone and introduce them in the new academic year. The staff will return on the 2nd September for two days of INSET. **Year 7**, both in the Resource Base and the mainstream, will start on the **4th September**. **Year 11** in the mainstream and the **rest of the resource base** then return on the **5th September**. Everyone then returns on the **6th September**. I would like to take this opportunity to ask that pencil cases and any badges or equipment are kept safe over the break so students are prepared on their return. I would also ask that if students are having piercings or haircuts that aren't in line with the uniform policy, please do so at the start of the summer holidays. This way students are able to have the piercings or hairstyles they would like for the summer and they can return to school in perfect uniform. Please do stay safe over the summer and remember that there are a number of high street stores that offer discounted meals for children during the summer break. Morrisons, for example, offer a free kids meal when an adult purchases a meal in one of their cafes. Families who qualify for free school meals have been contacted with details regarding vouchers for the break. If you have not received this, or are worried about the break, please do contact us.

I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of our school. The school continues to improve and continues its rise to being one of the very best schools in this country. The community here deserves a school that it is proud of. We are part of a fantastic community and we believe that Henbury deserves a school that is steadfast in its belief that every child can develop into a polite, confident, kind, articulate, friendly, hard working young adult who is able to choose the direction of the rest of their life. We are well on the way to achieving this and I cannot wait to see the next steps in the school's improvement next year. This school belongs to our community, and we should all be very proud of it.

Please find a video summary of this letter [here](#)

Have a great summer.

Yours faithfully,



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