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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of the academic year, I wanted to write to parents to celebrate the positive developments at Cleeve Park School. We have had a year where our priority has been around supporting young people to get back into the rhythm of school life. This has been multifaceted taking on board the differing experiences that each child has had over the disrupted 2 years.

Our primary expectation has been to raise the standard of ambition for both students and teachers alike. We have worked hard to recruit strong teachers into the school so that the quality of teaching is high, the expectations for students to take responsibility for their own learning is paramount and the way we function as a community is positive.

As a school we have worked hard to raise the standard of behaviour. As the first event of every day, our UPBEAT session has enabled us to check that students are fully prepared for the day and on time for the first lesson. I must congratulate the vast majority of students who look exceptionally smart every day and have good attendance. We have then ensured that students are clear on the expectations of them in each and every lesson, and where behaviour does not meet our expectations, there are clear consequences. As a school we are pleased to show that attendance is above national average, however, I must reiterate that attendance every day is vital so that lost learning is caught up and students are not disadvantaged by missing lessons.

In June this year, I was delighted to welcome the TKAT senior team to visit our school and for them to see the progress that has been made since our Ofsted inspection in November. They visited a large number of lessons and could see the shift in our expectations of students and the standard of teaching being delivered.

“The monitoring visit showed the significant impact you and your team have had over the academic year. The climate for learning has shown significant improvement with students now engaging and focusing well and enabling teachers to teach in typically disruption free classrooms. The quality of teaching, the design and implementation of the curriculum and quality of students' learning have all improved, with an infrastructure that gives confidence that this will continue”

Dr Karen Roberts, CEO TKAT.

I have been really pleased to see the beginning of trips and events starting up. In this term alone we have seen trips to the theatre, our P16 visiting universities, Year 10 Geography field trips, year 7 PGL and our LGBTQ+ group attending conferences. These are all things that add to the rich experience of school life and the wider education of our students. We have lots more planned for next year including Duke of Edinburgh and a full range of sporting activities. I was also delighted to welcome so many parents to the

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Key Stage 3 Celebration Evening. Over 80 students and their parents attended our prize giving event on Tuesday and it was wonderful to see the hard work and dedication of our young people.

This year has seen the public exams (GCSE and A-Level) being sat in full for the first time in 2 years. Our students in both year groups have really risen to this challenge and have worked hard to ensure that they were fully prepared. I would like to congratulate them all on the resilience they have shown and we all look forward to celebrating their results in August.

End of term & looking forward to September:

As always at the end of the year, we see some staff move on to new roles in other schools. We say goodbye to Miss Lian (Maths), Mrs Blamey (science), Mrs Smith (Reading mentor) and Mr Doyle (Business manager). We wish them all the best in their new roles. I am delighted that despite widespread recruitment issues within education, we are fully staffed for September with some exceptional teachers joining us on our journey to excellence.

Next year Cleeve Park already has full numbers in all year groups showing the popularity of the school in the local area. As we continue to go from strength to strength we are delighted that our school is at the heart of the community.

We return to school on 31st August for the new year 7 & 12. This will be a half day so that our newest members of the school can familiarise themselves with our school. The rest of the school return on 1st September for a full day, beginning as always with UPBEAT at 8.30am. In advance of this, we ask that students are fully prepared with equipment for learning and full school uniform.

The last day of term is Tuesday 19th July. This will be an early finish with students departing at 12 noon. Students will be able to access the canteen during an extended break period.

I would like to thank the teaching and support staff who work tirelessly to make our school the welcoming and safe environment where children thrive. I would like to thank parents for their support of the school and wish you a happy summer break.

Yours sincerely



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