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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and busy term! I cannot believe we have already been back at College for nearly two weeks.

As is always the case, the summer term is a particularly important time for Year 11 students. With the finishing touches being done to complete their controlled assessments, final GCSE examinations have already started; Photography examinations took place last week and Art and Drama performances next week. The main written examinations start in earnest on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Revision clinics and booster sessions continue, every evening, as well as extra sessions being arranged during PDL lessons for some students and lunch time and breakfast events as well! We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck during this demanding and stressful time for them.

A few parents have enquired what the next steps are following our OFSTED Inspection last December. A copy of our action plan will be available in the Governor section of the website shortly detailing how we are addressing the issues they raised. In the meantime, already this term, we have had a further safeguarding review, conducted by an independent expert, which went well and a review of our support for newly qualified teachers and trainees. We were particularly pleased with the outcome of this review as the Inspectors could give us no recommendations for improvement; stating that our support networks for these people, new to the profession, were extremely good. Other members of the LA will be working with us during this term to ensure we continue to provide an excellent education for our students.

Finally, as some of you are already aware Mr Fleeman has decided that the time has come for him to retire, after 17 years of excellent service to the community, and sadly will be leaving us at the end of the month. There are countless students who have benefitted from his enthusiasm and support over the years. However, he has decided that now is the right time for him to step down from his demanding role in order to spend more time on his other interests and with his family.

I will personally miss his good humour, positivity, experience and commitment to the students. I have greatly enjoyed working with him and have valued his unstinting efforts, unwavering support and wisdom. I am sure that you would want to join with us in thanking him for his significant contribution to the College and the students over the years.

I will, very shortly, be writing to you to update you with the arrangements for the leadership team. In the meantime we look forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B Elkins'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

B Elkins  
Headteacher