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Dear Families

A year like no other ...

As we reach the end of the academic year, it is no exaggeration to say that it has been a year like no other. I have been so impressed by the resilience and commitment of our students to their new normal. The quality of the work completed from home has been amazing, recognising that it has been very challenging for many students and families. The work completed by students who have been working in school with us since school closure on 23rd March has been excellent, and we are pleased that we have been able to provide this provision, including during the holiday periods. Having Year 10 and Year 12 students back in school for lessons in recent weeks has been excellent too. Students have been really positive and committed, and we only wish we could have welcomed back students in other year groups too. We have also been pleased to meet with some individual students and families in Year 7, 8 & 9 to provide support in advance of September.

We have endeavoured to stay in close contact with all students during the past 4 months. I am very proud to say that we have done this through telephone calls, email, using Class Charts and the growing use of Microsoft Teams for live lessons. I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletters, updates on social media, and videos following events such as VE Day 75 and Global Running Day. It has also been amazing to see how virtual events through video and Microsoft Teams are possible to ensure we stay connected. Year 6 transition, Year 11 leavers' assembly, Year 12 induction and virtual Sports Day this week are just four examples of how we can do things together, even if physically not all in the building! It has also been great to have our virtual lockdown learning awards this week which I hope you have been able to view. Thank you for embracing our new normal and for all of your kind words and positive comments about how we have kept in touch and supported students and families during lockdown. However, we do hope we can return to more normal times before too long and we look forward to seeing all students back in classrooms again in September.

Great news: Site Development at HT

I am delighted to share some excellent news about our school site development. Our recent Condition Improvement Fund bid to the Department for Education for major upgrading of the water management at school has been approved. The project value is £829,782 and will ensure the water management at HT remains safe, compliant and efficient. This work will commence over the summer holidays. Of great interest too, I am sure, is that we expect local planners to approve the application for our new building with 15 classrooms and library before the end of July. This new building will represent 30% of the entire teaching space at Haileybury Turnford. The pre-works will start over the summer holidays, and all being well, we expect the building work to be in full swing from early next term, with a proposed completion date in mid-2021. This is an exciting prospect for us all, and I will update you with more news as soon as I am able to.

Farewell to staff

We will be saying farewell to a small number of staff at the end of term.

Mrs Cumming will be moving onto a new full-time post teaching Food Technology after 11 years at the school. She was originally appointed as a cover supervisor, qualified as a teacher whilst with us, and has taught a number of subjects at HT as well as managing the Food Technology area. We also say farewell to Mrs Lutterodt-Acquah who is re-locating to China for family reasons. Her contribution to Maths has been excellent, and she played a significant role in our wonderful Year 11 Maths results last summer. Also leaving us is Mr Rye who has taught sixth form History during the past two years, who will be retiring at the end of the academic year. We wish him well with his retirement. Mr Datta, who has led our partnership work with Haileybury, as well as teaching Maths and French with us is moving on to a new post at the University of Cambridge. Mr Coleman, Mrs Njenda and Mr Uriri who have been with us this academic year are also moving on. We wish all colleagues well and thank them for their work with our students at Haileybury Turnford.



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I will introduce our new members of staff at the start of the academic year in September, who we welcomed to HT this week, for their staff induction. We are fully staffed for September.

Have a good summer break

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students in September and we are excited about welcoming all students back to school full-time. School starts on Friday 4th September for Year 7 and Year 12 students. All other year groups return the following week.

Thank you for your tremendous support for the school this year, and especially in recent months. I would like to wish all students and families a very pleasant and safe summer. I will be in regular contact with re-opening information over the summer, and all updates will appear on our website. We will see you in September.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully



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