

Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to my last letter of the academic year.

The term has ended with a succession of activities including;

- A wonderfully successful Key Stage 3 production of "Our Day Out"
- A fantastic Sports Day
- Year 11 and Year 13 enjoyed their prom events
- Year 8 enjoying 3 days full of activities at their PGL residential
- A group of Year 13 learners completing their DoE Gold Award expedition.
- A group of Year 10 learners completing their DoE Bronze qualifying expedition.
- Countless other trips including The Cheshire Show, Chester Grosvenor, STEM trip to Stellantis, Warhammer competition.

This list represents just some of the activities taking place in the school. It has been wonderful to see the learners engaging in such a broad range of activities.

This year we have been able to move forward on so many fronts beyond the current activities for learners. Much of this year we have been working with the Department for Education finalising plans for the School Rebuilding Programme (SRB). I am hoping to be able to share further information with you about this at the start of the next academic year.

We have also spent a great deal of time this year looking at how we can develop learner leadership opportunities in the school. These will be shared at the start of the next academic year by Mrs McCarthy (Deputy Headteacher).

We look forward to the official launch of Show My Homework in September. Further details will follow before the start of September.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to a number of staff as shown below. We wish them all the very best as they move in to new roles for September or enjoy retirement.

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Mr J Arnull – Deputy Headteacher Mrs S Hitchen – Deputy Headteacher Miss S Peterson – Teacher of Art Mrs L Stanisstreet – Teacher of MFL Mr D Foley – Teacher of Business Mr T Nugent – Teacher of Computer Science Ms L Tobias – Teacher of Performing Arts Miss V Porter – Teacher of Drama Mr N Waite – Teacher of English Mrs J Pettener – Head of Science Mr D Roberts – Teacher of Science Miss G Neale – Teacher of Business Mr P Carrigan – Sixth Form Learning Mentor Miss E Banks – Cover Supervisor

I hope that you all have a wonderful break during the summer and I look forward to welcoming all of our learners back to the school at the start of the next academic year. As you will be aware learners return to school on Wednesday 6th September at the normal time of 8.40am. I will be in touch before the start of the new term to share the final arrangements.

As always, if you have any questions before then please do not hesitate to contact the school on <u>admin@uptonhigh.co.uk</u> or <u>head@upton.co.uk</u>

Yours faithfully

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