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Dear Parent/Carer

This year has been excellent for the year group, and this letter would be pages long were I to list and detail the countless times they have shown resilience, pride and determination throughout the school year. Instead I would like to focus on certain key events which have shown that this is a cohort of children who truly care about their futures, and who want themselves and the school to do well next year.

A key message from me to my cohort is that I believe that they should always do their best to take part - be it academically, socially, or in school events. This has been a pleasure to see with the amount of year 10 students taking part in extracurricular activities, Debate Club, the school show, and especially during this final week with Superstars Day, their final Sports Day, Trip Day and during their final day of the year activities. Heanorfest stands out as a wonderful example of the talent and dedication on display from this year group; the performances were amazing to witness, and it was a pleasure to see so many supportive parents and peers cheering along. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have sent in those baby pictures, the rewards assembly was one to remember thanks to your help.

The formal mocks of June were a challenge of an academic and atmospheric nature. The stress and demands of formal mock examinations were something the year group handled with aplomb; they were calm, organised and efficient with their energy and revision. It was especially a proud moment to see 130 students stay behind for after school revision amidst a 30 degree heatwave. The resilience, maturity and care shown during these mock exams exemplify the positive learning behaviours myself and Miss Weston have tried to build with our cohort these past few years. On the back of these mocks, we have devised a carefully curated list of interventions for September and all communication will be sent in due course. I anticipate that this will be very well attended by the requested students.

After the formal mocks we celebrated 4 distinct groups of students for their success and resilience (we celebrated 138 students across this year group over 5 days.), listed below:

- Students who have shown the greatest improvement.
- Students who have persevered through challenges and ended the year with positive progress.
- Students who have achieved in the top 10% of their year group.
- Students who went above and beyond in their revision and consolidation.

We will be expecting the year group to start year 11 with the same level of maturity and resilience they have shown this year. They impressed us all with how they started year 10, and I expect that to be built upon in year 11. My message to all students, parents and carers is that students who are successful next year will be those who display a positive attitude to learning, plan their revision and organise their time wisely in order to be prepared for formal mocks in November and March and then ultimately in their summer exam window. Revision and consolidation is something that needs to happen regularly and with a clear plan.

We hope all students and their families have a well-deserved break over the summer, and return to school in September ready for the challenges, pressure and responsibility of Year 11. Please be aware that Mr Jones has also sent out communication to all parents with key information for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

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