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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we enter the final few days of term, I am writing to update you with information in preparation for next academic year.

During the holidays the Advanced Level results will be available on Thursday 19th August and the GCSE results on Tuesday 24th August. Enrolment into Year 12 is on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th or Tuesday 31st August, between 9.00am and 2.00pm each day. Enrolment only takes about 30 minutes on one of the days, but is a pre-requisite for joining the Sixth Form and choosing courses that match GCSE qualifications achieved.

Since my last letter I am very pleased to report that the success of our Sponsored Walk 2010 means we will be able to make a significant donation, in excess of £5,000, to our 'Charity of the Year'. Students who have made a particularly good contribution to the fund-raising will be able to join one of the visits to Alton Towers and a letter giving details to all those who have qualified will be issued at the start of the new term.

Over the past few weeks we have also been receiving completed copies of the parent questionnaire – almost 350 were returned. We read each one carefully and I can assure you that wherever possible we take account of trends and specific comments when planning for the future. The headline figures for the rating of the school were:

53% Very Good 40% Good 7% Satisfactory

These match the figures for the previous two years, and all the individual questions continue to receive an approval rating of over 90% with safety of students, facilities and resources being significantly higher than last year. However, the approval for extra-curricular opportunities dropped and so we are going to be looking at how to promote these more effectively next term. Given that this aspect was singled out for praise by so many other parents does indicate that uptake rather than availability is the issue we need to focus upon.

When looking at comments, our renewed focus on improving uniform came in for praise and I would like to thank you for your replies to my recent letter regarding uniform. However, the quality of toilet facilities was raised as an area of concern and so these will be upgraded during the summer. Two other areas for improvement were the canteen and school transport, and although both are out of our control we will convey the comments raised. Finally, the theme of communication was a concern for some parents and is an aspect we are planning to work on over the coming months.

May I wish you all a very restful summer and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school on the first day of term, Thursday 2nd September. Additional information regarding next academic year, such as the updated school calendar, can be found on the website.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Jones – Headteacher

