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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebration

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to thank you for the support you have continued to give your children and the school this last academic year.

We have continued to grow as a school. We were delighted to open our Kahlo (K) block. It is a fantastic teaching space. As well as providing well equipped English classrooms, the fantastic drama studios and art rooms really are inspirational. It has also provided an exceptional gallery space for our annual arts festival, which showcases the high calibre of art, drama and music which is a daily part of our life at Fulford.

As well as the great work that happens in classrooms, we are really proud of the experience our students have outside of normal lessons. This was highlighted this year when Fulford School was recognised as a World Class School. South York Multi Academy Trust has just recently been granted World Class Trust Status in recognition of the work done across all schools in our trust.

Just this past weekend, some 200 students took part in residential extracurricular activities and trips.

Recent trips have seen, or will see, well over 1000 students visiting Wimbledon, the Belgium Battlefields, Fountains Abbey, Flamborough Head, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and rewards events at Flamingo Land.

We look forward to our rewards evenings and, rain permitting, our ever competitive and great fun sports day.

Headteacher Interviews

The final week sees our Headteacher interviews on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July. Due to these interviews being so close to the end of the year, it is unlikely that I will be able to share the outcome with you until September. This is to give the successful candidate time to inform their current school before it becomes wider knowledge.

Saying Goodbye

Year 11 and 13 finished school in style. They each had fantastic evenings at their proms. It was a lovely way to celebrate their years as part of our school body. Many of our Year 11 pupils will return to the sixth form. Most of our Year 13's will continue their journey at university or through apprenticeships in September. They will always be welcomed back to Fulford and I hope they become active members of our Fulford Alumni. We wish them all well.

We say goodbye to some of our members of staff at the end of the year as they retire or move on to new roles. I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Towle who joined the English department in 1993 and has given 30 years of service to the school and Mrs Jevons who has worked within our SEND department for 16 years.

They have nurtured and inspired generations of children through their knowledge, skill and kindness. We are grateful for all they have brought to Fulford School. We wish all our colleagues who are leaving us this year well for their future and thank them for all they have contributed to our school.

Last Day

School will close at 12:40 on Friday 21st July. Buses will leave by 12:50.

Students should ensure lockers are emptied by the end of the year. Any unclaimed items inside lockers will be donated to charity.

Students have worked hard this year and deserve a great summer break.

Next Year

Year 7, 11 and 12 will return after the summer break on Wednesday 6th September. All other students will return on Thursday 7th September.

Thank you for supporting uniform standards, parental support really does make a difference. Uniform standards are clear and reasonable. Can I please remind parents that hair should be a natural colour and pupils may not wear facial piercings. Correct uniform worn properly is a basic expectation. We are very clear about what should and shouldn't be worn. It is important we focus on learning and not avoidable issues around uniform.

Good attendance is so important to pupils and makes a notable difference to pupils' progress. Unless there is a truly exceptional circumstance, I will not authorise term time holiday absence.

Punctuality also ensures we can maximise learning. Students must be in school by 8:50am at the very latest. Anyone arriving after 8:50am will be late.

Can I also remind you that we are a nut free school and that aerosols are also not allowed in school. The smallest trace of nuts or spraying of an aerosol can have a life-threatening effect on certain students. Please do ensure that your child does not bring them into school.

I hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to Fulford in September.

Yours faithfully



Steve Lewis
Head Teacher