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Dear Parents and Carers

The School Year

As we come to the end of another academic year, I'd like to thank all of the BCA school community, including parents/carers, our staff, our governing body and our students, for the contribution made to ensuring a really positive year for our young people. Once again, this year has presented a number of challenges, not least the lingering impact of the Covid 19 pandemic, however, this year has very much been the year in which the school has sprung back to life. Following two years of disruption and restrictions on school life this year has seen a wealth of opportunities return for our students. One of our educational values at BCA is that a great education doesn't just take place in the classroom. Whilst we recognise that what we do in the classroom for our students must be first class we also know that learning and growth extends beyond our classrooms. Below is a list of events, experiences and opportunities BCA students have been involved in this year:

- Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the Lake District3.
- Play competitively in a range of sports including football, rugby, netball, rowing, table tennis and chess.
- Take part in sustainability project with Sky Sports and Warrington Wolves.
- Perform in front of an audience at Parr Hall alongside students from other TCAT schools.
- Work with engineers from United Utilities and with students from across TCAT.
- Undertake volunteering work at a Cheshire Children's charity.
- Meet with journalists and local politicians to discuss the issues young people in Warrington face.
- BCA students had art work displayed in London in the Jubilee Pageant.
- Work with undergraduates from Oxford University
- Attend a number of camps as part of our Combined Cadet Force.
- Attend a science residential to undertake biology fieldwork.
- Work with scientists from the Royal Society.

These are just some of the additional opportunities that have been available throughout this year. We look forward to next year when we will continue to supplement the excellent work that goes on in our classrooms with a wide range of enriching experiences and opportunities.

Departing Colleagues

This week we say goodbye to two very long serving members of staff. Mrs Richards, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENco), is retiring having worked at BCA, and previously William Beamont, since 1991. I know Mrs Richards will be familiar to many of you and has closely supported



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a large number of families whilst their children were students here. I'm sure you'd like to join me in thanking Mrs Richards for her many years of service and wish her the very best of luck.

We also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs McNulty. Like Mrs Richards, Mrs McNulty will be very familiar to the local community having arrived at BCA to teach history in 1985. Mrs McNulty has held a wide range of positions throughout her time with us including Head of History, Assistant Headteacher and in recent years supporting new teachers in the early stages of their career.

As you can see both Mrs Richards and Mrs McNulty have made significant contributions to the school community and they'll be greatly missed by all staff and students.

End of Term

The school year will end on Tuesday 26th July 2022. Students will depart early on this day at 12:10pm. Students who have placed an order for a packed lunch will be able to collect from the dining room as they depart.

Start of New School Year

The new school year will start on Monday 5th September 2022. The table below outlines what time students should arrive dependent on their year group.

Year group	Start time
Year 7	8:15 am
Year 8	8:45 am
Year 9	9:15 am
Year 10	9:45 am
Year 11	10:15 am

In the coming days and again in September you will receive a letter that reminds you and outlines two key areas for parents/carers:

1. Our expectations on student behaviour.
2. Our expectations on student uniform and dress.

Communicating with School

This year the school transferred to a new information management system called Arbor. One of Arbor's functions is to send information and updates to parents via text. This is our way of getting essential information to you quickly but is not a way for parents/carers to communicate with the school. Should you wish to contact the school you have two options:

1. Contact the school on 01925 579500.
2. Email the school at: mail@bca.warrington.ac.uk



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OfSTED Inspection of BCA

As you will be aware the school received a Section 8 inspection from OfSTED on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July. The focus of this inspection was to examine the overall quality of education provided by BCA. We have received some very encouraging feedback from the inspection team. I expect the final report to be published in early August and all parents/carers will be sent a copy.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone connected to the school for the support you continue to provide our young people.

Have a great summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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