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Dear Parent/Carer

We have finally reached the end of another turbulent school year during which we have once again faced the many challenges presented by the pandemic. I'd like to start by thanking the entire BCA community – students, their families and our staff – for the resilience they have shown throughout this school year. Over the course of this year our staff and students have had significant restrictions relating to how they worked and their overall school experience. The requirement for us to organise the school community in bubbles and zones has meant that the school experience has been diluted. However, as we now look ahead to the new school year it's pleasing to know that we will be operating without bubbles and zones meaning a return to a full and comprehensive school experience for our students.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of the school year is Wednesday 28 June. Students will be dismissed at 12:10. There will be lunch available for those students entitled to free school meals to collect before they leave.

Start of the New Term and COVID-19 Onsite Testing.

At the start of the school year schools are required to test students twice. The timetable for the first of these tests is outlined below. Due to the requirement for us to test students there will be a short delay to the start of term. Again, the timetable for when students should attend on their first formal day of school.

Testing Timetable.

The testing of students will take place on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September. Once students have been tested they will return home and they should return on Monday 6 September at the time set out in the table below. All students should arrive for testing in full uniform.

| Thursday 2.9.21 | 8:30-9:30 | 7B |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| | 9:00-9:30 | 7E |
| | 9:30-10:00 | 7A |
| | 10:00-10:30 | 7M |
| | 10:30-11:00 | 7O |
| | 11:00-11:30 | 7N |
| | 11:30-12:00 | 7T |
| | 12:30-1:00 | 8B & 8E |
| | 1:00-1:30 | 8A & 8M |
| | 1:30-2:00 | 8O & 8N |
| | 2:00-2:30 | 8T & 9B |
| | 2:30-3:00 | 9E & 9A |
| | 3:00-3:30 | 9M & 9O |
| | 3:30-4:00 | 9N & 9T |

| Friday 3.9.21 | 8:30-9:00 | 10B & 10E |
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| | 9:00-9:30 | 10A & 10M |
| | 9:30-10:00 | 10O & 10N |
| | 10:00-10:30 | 10T & 11B |
| | 10:30-11:00 | 11E & 11A |
| | 11:30-11:30 | 11M & 11O |
| | 11:30-12:00 | 11N & 11T |



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Monday 6 September – The first full day of the school year.

Students should arrive at the following times:

| Year Group | Arrival Time |
|------------|--------------|
| Year 7 | 8:15am |
| Year 8 | 8:45am |

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| Year 9 | 9:15am |
| Year 10 | 9:45am |
| Year 11 | 10:30am |

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones is not permitted on the school site during school hours from 2 September. Please refer to my previous letter dated 15 July for the rationale behind this decision. (The letter is available on our website).

Retiring Staff Members

The end of this school year will see the retirement of two long serving members of staff. Teaching assistants Carolyn Hall and Carol Harrison will retire this year each having worked at the school for 22 and 14 years respectively. Both Carolyn and Carol have worked as part of our team that supports students with a range of additional learning needs; they have been very influential in improving the outcomes for the students they have worked closely with throughout their time at BCA and I know their support has been valued by many of our families. I'm sure you'd like to join me in thanking them for their many years of service to the school and wider community and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Finally, it is worth recognising the many achievements throughout this challenging year. I have been incredibly proud to see how the whole school community has responded to the challenges of lockdown, home schooling and the restrictions in which we have operated this year. COVID-19 has affected so many of us in a whole variety of ways. However, the resilience and optimism shown by our students has been remarkable. With constraints placed on their daily school lives resulting in absence from school, limited opportunity to socialise and make new friends as well as dealing with the general anxiety associated with the pandemic our students have shown a desire and determination not to be defined by COVID-19 that I know will stand them in good stead in the future. Their willingness to just get on with things has inspired many of the staff here at BCA. So it is with this sense of hope and excitement that comes from our students that we look forward to the new school year. In the meantime, I'd like to wish you a safe, healthily and restful summer.

Yours faithfully



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