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**Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’**

Dear Parents/Guardians

**RE: End of Term Letter**

The 2021-22 academic year is coming to an end and has seen the school come through the challenges posed by Covid-19 and the uncertainty of the previous 2 years.

The school has, almost, returned to normal operations with only positive remnants of the ‘Covid School’ model now remaining in place, these being the benefits of staggering lunches and breaks, maintaining the use of online learning through MS Teams for out of hours provision, and the enhanced cleaning regimes that helped us maintain a Covid safe school throughout the pandemic.

The summer term has seen the efforts of teachers and support staff in supporting Year 11 and Year 10 students sitting exams come to fruition with most girls being optimistic about exams and exam results. This optimism is supported by staff. The school is looking forward to GCSE results day in August.

The summer has also seen the Trust introduce significant changes to the school curriculum, reacting to changing Ofsted expectations and the summer holidays will require significant work by senior and middle leaders in preparing teaching programs for September 2022 as the school moves to the new 2 Year KS4 model. For students and parents this will mean the end of Year 10 GCSE examinations and the introduction of a series of new subjects to the curriculum such as Food Technology, Spanish in KS3, and Theology and Business-related courses in KS4.

The school will only see 2 members of the teaching team leave at the end of the academic year, both due to relocation. This will ensure that teaching and learning, the true strength of the school, will continue into 2022-23 and this will provide consistency for all students and parents.

This year has also seen the parent Shurra play a more active role in supporting the school, and they have led on a number of projects, including the summer bazaar, which was cancelled due to the unprecedented weather conditions, and the introduction of a pre-worn uniform shop. The school is always looking for more parents to join the Shurra and interested parents should contact Mrs Khalifa at the school.

Alongside the parent Shurra, the student Shurra has gone from strength to strength, with the 20 elected members of the Shurra meeting termly with the Principal to share the views and opinions of students with a view to improving the school. This year, the student Shurra has secured an extension to the school lunchtime for all students, ensured that the quality of catering at the school remains high, and supported the pastoral team with a range of charity and behaviour projects. Members of the Shurra truly reflect the STAR values of Service, Teamwork, Ambition, and Respect and I hope that all members continue to serve the school diligently and responsibly. True exponents of the school’s leadership specialism.

Again, the school was subjected to a number of external quality assurance visits. All provided assurance that the school remains an outstanding provider and the school is confident that it will maintain its Outstanding rating.





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As mentioned already, the school looks forward to GCSE results day in August as this will provide the required validation to confirm that its efforts have been effective. We look forward to sharing results with you in September.

September will see the school further pushing for excellence in all that we do, and we look forward to welcoming our next cohort of Year 7s. The school continues to be oversubscribed in all year groups and I am proud to say that we are the school of choice for most parents in Coventry.

**Please remember, the new term starts on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for all students.**

Please ensure that all students are in full uniform. As always, at the start of each term, the pastoral team will focus on uniform and PE kit expectations. Our suppliers, Stevenson's, assure us that all uniform and kit items are now available and will be delivered in time for September if orders are placed soon.

If your daughters are going into Year 11 in September, please impress on them the importance that this year will have for them, as they begin the final leg of their journey at Eden Girls'. The expectation is that they will continue to work hard and achieve the same academic high standards as their predecessors. This will also require commitment and support from you as parents, ensuring your daughters attend all extra sessions, revise and complete homework every evening, and come to school prepared to learn every day.

There will also be renewed rigour regarding attendance. Whilst 2021-22 saw the school reach attendance figures of around 95%, and these were well above national averages, the expectation is that all students have at least 97% attendance across the school year. The residual effects of Covid 19 impacted on attendance this year but there should be no continuation of this in 2022-23. We hope you, as parents, continue to work with the school and ensure that your daughters attend every day and on time, so that we can ensure they receive the best education possible.

Please all enjoy the summer. Students should do some pre-reading based on the topic lists available on the website, and Year 11 students should make sure they are ready for their final year at the school, bringing with them an attitude of ambition and culture of hard work.

Yours Faithfully

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