

Wheldon School & Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer

With the end of term upon us we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support this year. The removal from Special Measures and the published OFSTED report highlights the progress we have made this year and sets a real foundation for future success.

Predictions for Year 11, 12 and 13 results also look promising; a reflection of the hard work of students and staff alike. The move to an Academy sponsored by Redhill provides fresh impetus, new challenges and opportunities. It must be said that this year has, in our opinion, been a real turning point for the school and one we will look back on with pride.

It is with sadness that I must report that five long serving staff, Ms Bennedik, Mr Williams, Mr Watson, Mrs Banks and Mr Matthews will leave Wheldon at the end of this academic year.

Ms Bennedik joined the school in April 1990 as the school's SENCO and currently holds the post of Assistant Headteacher. Mr Williams joined the school in September 1988 as a teacher of Humanities and now has the responsibility as Head of House. Mr Watson joined the school in January 1992 as a teacher of Languages; he then became the Head of Department before relinquishing this role in 2010. Mrs Banks joined the school in September 1979 as a teacher of Science. Finally, Mr Matthews joined the school in September 1995 as a teacher of Mathematics. I would like to take this opportunity to express the school's gratitude for their dedication and commitment to Wheldon and wish them all the best for the future.

In addition, we must also say goodbye to Mr Blount, Mrs Harrison, Mr Grosvenor, Miss Jones, Miss Steele, Mrs Sutton, Mr Eyre, Mrs Pallett, Mr Pallett and Mrs Clark. I would again like to wish them all the best for the future.

With regards to September, students in **Years 7 to 11** will start back to school on **Wednesday, 7 September 2011** based on their allocated College (please see attached sheet).

The new timetable will commence with period 1 starting at **8.30am** for **all** students on:

Thursday, 8 September 2011

Please see enclosures which give further details and information regarding your child's:

- **Information for College**
- **College and Tutor**
- **Academy Uniform**
- **Contacts sheet (which we ask you to complete and hand in when collecting uniform)**
- **A Home/Academy Contract (you will not be able to collect your child's school uniform without presenting this completed form)**
- **EV4 form (please complete and hand in with other documentation)**
- **Attendance Information**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a good summer break. I am sure we will return in September with enthusiasm and commitment to take the school forward.

Yours sincerely

John Bullock
Head of School

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