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Letter from Headteacher

Dear All,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and celebrate the year at Ecclesfield School.

I feel very proud to be the Headteacher of this school and we continue to strive to make our school as good as it can be. We will continue to move forward and work tirelessly to continue to provide the education this community deserves. The education landscape is continually changing but as a school we are committed to doing the very best for our students and community. Our values remain the same and guide us every day in our work-

Work Hard, Be Kind, Aim High and Show Grit.

We understand the power of education to transform lives and the importance in protecting childhood. Your child will continue be at the heart of everything we do, and our team of skilled, hardworking staff remain committed to giving your child the best experiences possible both academically and pastorally. We know how valuable each day at school is and we want our students to be happy, safe and to access an exciting and broad curriculum. Our aim is to work closely with our families, you know your child best and we believe that working together is the best way to ensure success.

It has been a hectic last few weeks with lots of things taking place including Activities Day, the Prom, Drama productions, Trips to Stratford, The Open Golf, Reward Assemblies, and the continued success of our sporting teams. We welcomed our new Year 6 pupils at the end of June, and our Year 10 students recently went out on their work experience. Ecclesfield School continues to offer the very best experiences for all our students.

As we end the academic year, I want to reassure you that considering the recruitment crisis within the profession, we are fully staffed for September. I want to publicly thank Maisie Halliwell who has served us for 32 years, I am sure you wish her all the best as she retires from us after so many years of dedicated service. She will be missed sorely by us for her positivity, professionalism and dedication to the job.

We also say goodbye to long serving staff Ray Twining, Claire Bourne and Emma Oram who have served this school so well over the years. Loyalty is a fantastic attribute and the loyalty of our staff is something we do not take for granted.

I thank you for your continued support of the school. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Can I remind you that in line with tradition we finish at 12.30pm today with lessons as normal periods 1 to 3.

The students will return at 8.40am on Thursday the 3rd September.

Take care of yourself, each other and have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Walkden
Headteacher

