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Dear Parents

I write to you after another action-packed, but immensely rewarding, term. Our final weekend of the academic year provided an ideal opportunity to reflect on another very productive and successful year for The Grove, enriched by the thoughts of two excellent guests in Mr Clive Lewis OBE at Prize Day and, serving Governor, The Rt Rev'd Chris Edmondson, at the Leavers' Service last Sunday. In addition to which, I am sure all those present at Prize Day will have been mightily impressed with the moving words from our Senior Prefects whose speeches were delivered with poise, confidence and great aplomb.

I am certain that Mr Lewis' warm, intelligent and thoughtful words will have resonated with our Year 13 leavers and their parents, whose analogy of a school acting as the fertile soil that forms the strong foundations around a house, perfectly encapsulated what the Woodhouse Grove learning experience is all about. This view was further reinforced on Sunday by The Rt Rev'd Chris Edmondson whose perfectly pitched sermon focused on the building of enduring and sustaining relationships, and the necessity for a full education to equip, empower and enable young people to face the challenges beyond school with confidence.

Full academic reports are now available via the parent portal for all year groups, other than the valedictory reports for Year 13, which should have already arrived in the post. The vast majority of the reports are very good indeed and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of our students to the life of this busy school.

A reminder for those of you with children who have taken any public examinations this summer that A-level results day is on Thursday 15 August 2019 and GCSE results day is on Thursday 22 August 2019. All external examination results can be accessed via the parent portal from 8.00am on the day of their publication. Full details of any support and advice that may be needed during this time, will be published in the week preceding the results.

As the term ends, we say farewell to a number of colleagues who have so enriched our community. Thank you to our Language Assistants, Tibo Clement and Aurora Susin, and to Ms McLean, Mr Oatridge, Miss Wilson, Mr Brown, Miss Gray and Miss Lee; who have all enriched our community in their time with us. We also say goodbye to four members of staff with nearly eighty years of combined service to the School between them: Reverend Bonny, Mr Johnson, Mrs Ainscoe and Mr Frost. We wish them all every success and happiness beyond The Grove.

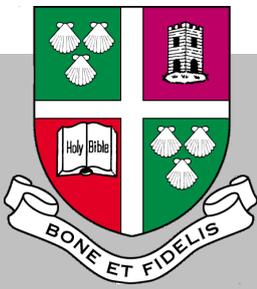
After 11 years of devoted service, Mr Simon Dunn leaves Brontë House this summer, having been appointed Headmaster of St Martin's School, Northwood in Middlesex. I am sure you will join me in

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wishing Simon and his wife, Kathy every success and happiness. Simon leaves Brontë House in the excellent hands of Mrs Sarah Chatterton who succeeds him as Headteacher.

From September, Heads of Year at The Grove will now move up with their Year Group through Years 8, 9 and 10. This change is designed to ensure greater continuity and the development of longer term relationships and understanding of our pupils. Therefore, as the new term begins, Mr Mantle will lead Year 10, with Mr Moffat and Mr Sugden leading Years 9 and 8 respectively. Miss Barron and Mrs Watson will remain with Year 7 and Year 11.

The new school year will also see a number of new staff join the School. Whilst I have highlighted one or two of these appointments as the year has progressed, please see below the list of new appointments, both internal and external for September 2019:

External Appointments:

- Rev Vicky Atkins School Chaplain
- Miss Ellie Smith Teacher of Mathematics
- Miss Lorna McCrea Teacher of Mathematics
- Mr Matthew Dawson Teacher of History
- Mr Matthew Keegan Teacher of English
- Miss Laura Evers Teacher of English
- Mrs Victoria Limbert Teacher of English and Head of Year (Sixth Form)
- Miss Kate England Teacher of Chemistry
- Mr Paul Borrington Head of Cricket
- Miss Polly Slater ESOL Tutor and Boarding Tutor

Internal Appointments, include:

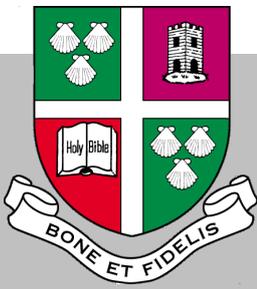
- Mrs Claire Nott Assistant Head (Curriculum)
- Mr Chris Softley Director of Sixth Form
- Mr Philip Madden Head of History
- Mrs Anna Kerr Head of Mathematics
- Mrs Louise Watmough Head of Business Studies and Economics
- Mr Oliver Mantle Head of Year 10
- Mrs Kerren Jennings Assistant Head of Year 7
- Dr Anna Ingham Lead Practitioner (Teaching and Learning)
- Mr Chris Garbutt Data and Progress Coordinator

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September will also see a minor change in how our pupils can access school buildings. Following a review of the use of pupil wristbands this year, it has been decided to trial using a code for the doors from the start of next term. As an additional security measure, the code for the doors will be the same for all doors and will be changed on a weekly basis. The code will be published on a dedicated FireFly page. The change of code for the next week will be published on the page on a Friday afternoon, ensuring all pupils have access to this prior to Monday morning. Pupils will be given the option of using their old wristband, or purchasing one should they choose to do so. Pupils will be able to access printing services using their individual PIN, and those with wristbands will be able to continue to use this to access the printing services. New pupils in Year 7 will be provided with a wristband upon joining the School.

As ever, during the holiday period the School site will be a busy place with a breadth of activity in school, including visitors from the UK Maths Trust, Mad Science and Leeds Rhinos Netball. The summer will also see the Sixth Form Centre and its environs being fully refurbished, which will provide a bright and modern, state-of-the-art social and study space for our Sixth Formers.

As the holidays begin, a small group of students and staff will travel to Gulu in Uganda where they will spend a week working on projects with Sister Shirley Crawford, decorating and fitting out a children's nursery and equipping the primary school. During the second week, they will be visiting Murchison Falls National Park for a game drive and water safari, trekking to Sipi Falls and to see Wagagai (Mount Elgon's highest point), as well as taking a boat trip to the source of the Nile. Meanwhile, excitement abounds amongst our Year 8 cohort, 64 of whom are looking forward to travelling to France later in the summer on their Water Sports Adventure Trip, accompanied by Miss Alimundo and her intrepid team of colleagues. We wish them all well, safe in the knowledge that their trips will provide memories for a lifetime.

Our boarders return to School on Tuesday 3 September 2019; with School starting for day pupils at 08:30 the following day, Wednesday 4 September 2019.

Whatever the summer holds for you, I hope that you all have an enjoyable and peaceful break.

With all my best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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