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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the last term of this year. I write to inform you of a few updates in readiness for the end of the term, and also for returning in September.

### Last Day of Term

The last day of term for students this year is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**. This will be a full day and school will finish at 3.10 pm as normal; school transport has been informed.

### Transition

We will be welcoming our Year 6 students to experience life at TKASA for 3 days next week. For parents of students who are currently in Year 6 and are moving up to TKASA in September, you are invited to two evenings; a Community Event for Year 6 Parents on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023** (details have been sent in a separate letter) and a Parent Information Evening on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023** which will take place in the main hall. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Gibson, Head of Year 7, who will be pleased to help.

### House System

We will be launching our new House System at the end of the academic year where all students, in all year groups and all staff will be placed in one of four Houses. Revisiting the school's history from when it opened in the 1950s, we are reinstating the 4 houses of Brent, Quantock, Steart and Mendip. Students will be informed of the House they will join during the last week of term and we have an exciting last week of school planned where students will be able to compete for their House, including Sports Day and our inaugural House Day.

### Warm Weather

We have had the benefit of some very warm weather over the last few weeks. I would like to remind all parents to ensure that their children have sufficient drinks in school or a refillable water bottle which they can refill at various stations around school. Please be aware that our medical facility does not provide water for people who have run out of water as this provision is very busy each day with first aid duties. During this warm weather period, blazers do not need to be worn, but ties should still be worn and shirts should be tucked in.

### Uniform Update for September 2023

As detailed in Mr Penman's recent letter, and to give you notice, please note the following. The only type of skirt that is permitted is an **A-Line, knee length skirt**. Tube, pencil or other 'stretchy' skirts are not permitted, and neither are leggings of any variety. Students who arrive at school in leggings or these types of skirts will be offered a clean A-Line alternative, or will be required to spend the day in our Behaviour Support Room until 5pm. Should this issue persist we will look to invite you in to discuss this. Examples of acceptable skirts are detailed in Mr Penman's letter which has been published on the website. Thank you for your support with upholding our high standards of uniform.

All other uniform guidelines remain in place, so please take some time to remind yourself of the uniform guidelines before purchasing unacceptable items. These protocols were also detailed in Mr Penman's letter.

### Attendance

Can I remind all parents that good attendance is very important as research has shown time and again that being absent from school, even for short periods of time, can have a major impact on learning. Next academic year we will be having a continued and robust focus on improved attendance and we really need your support as parents/carers. Please support the school by making attendance a priority and if your child cannot attend school for any reason, please contact our attendance manager to inform them.

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### **Exam Results Days**

At the time of writing, our Year 11 and 13 students have just finished sitting exams. I am extremely proud of all the students of the way in which they have conducted themselves and approached their exams. I look forward to some great results in the summer as I know these students have worked incredibly hard and they will achieve the results they deserve. They are a credit to you.

### **Exam Results – August 2023**

The **A level Results Day** is **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023**. Students can collect their results from G block from 8am to 10am. Staff will be on site to support.

**GCSE Results Day** is **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023**. Students can collect their results from the main hall from 8.30am to 10am. Staff will be on site to support.

### **Celebrations**

The Sixth Form end of year Celebration Night takes place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June and our annual Year 11 Prom follows the following week on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July after their Leavers Day that day. As always, I am sure both of these events will be wonderful occasions where our students leaving us can sign off in real style!!!

### **Other events**

As with every year, the last few weeks of term are packed with amazing events and we look forward to the last four weeks of term for our annual Sixth Form Charity RAG Week, our school production of 'We Will Rock You' and our Sports Day. We also have Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Gold expeditions, Geography Field trips and celebration end of year assemblies to fit in as well! So much goes on at TKASA!

### **Return to School in September**

We realise how important it is for new students to have some time to familiarise themselves with their new school and so we have reserved **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September for Year 7 only**. Please take a few moments to look at the transition information on the website which will set out more information about the day. Any new students (or parents) with questions about life at TKASA should email Mrs Gibson [cjgibson@tkasa.org.uk](mailto:cjgibson@tkasa.org.uk) in the first instance.

### **Years 8 – 11**

Students in years 8-11 will all return to school full time as of **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

### **Sixth Form**

Students in Year 12 will also join us on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023** for their induction day. Year 13 students will return to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

### **Welcome New Teaching Staff for Next Academic Year and Goodbye to Some Current Colleagues.**

As I mentioned in my previous letter, I am very pleased to report that we are fully staffed for next year and we welcome new staff in the following departments: Ms Mapes in English, Mr Bate in Computer Science, Mr Owen in Maths, Mr Clements in Science, Mrs Aguilera in Art, Mr Watkins in Maths, Miss Burge in Science and Mr Johnson in History. We say goodbye and best wishes for the future to the following staff that leave us in July; Mrs Godwin in History, Miss Wood in English, Mr England in Science and Mrs O'Brien in Art.

Can I end this letter by sincerely thanking you all for your support over this academic year which has been such a successful one. We have some truly wonderful young people at our school who are supported brilliantly by an amazing body of staff. A year in which we received a glowing Ofsted report in November highlighting what a brilliant, community focused school TKASA is, I am proud to say it has been a thoroughly enjoyable year and we look forward to working with you again in 2023-24. Have a lovely summer break.

Yours faithfully



Dan Milford  
Principal