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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term I would like to thank you for your support and partnership over the past year. It has been a great year with many outstanding events and achievements as you can see from our web site. As you will see from the final paragraphs of this letter we are saying good-bye to some valued colleagues this term and welcoming some new faces.

Last week of term news

In my June letter I explained that reports would be coming out this week and there would be review meetings for some year groups.

This week there are review meetings for pupils in Kestrel Class, Primary Personalised and Danesgate secondary provision. Parents and carers will have already been contacted by their son or daughter's teacher to agree appointment times. The review day for secondary aged pupils is Thursday 19.7.18. Key workers will set up times for meetings with parents and carers.

Teaching is suspended for those pupils who are in reviews on these days to allow for flexibility around appointments.

Reports for all pupils and students will either be handed out at the review meeting or posted home at the end of the week.

The last day of this term is Friday 20th July we have an early closure on this day of 12 noon.

Summer holiday news

KS1 Kestrel will have a new home from September but the actual venue we are hoping for is yet to be confirmed. ***We have to close KS1 Kestrel on Friday 20th July to allow for packing and removal work.*** On Wednesday 5th September we will have induction and transition meetings for pupils and parents in the new building and lessons will begin on Thursday 6th September.

Kestrel Class will be moving to St Barnabas's Primary School to take over the classroom we have been using for KS1 Kestrel this past year. ***We have to close***

Kestrel Class on Friday 20th July to allow for packing and removal work. On Wednesday 5th September we will have induction and transition meetings for pupils and parents in the new classroom and lessons will begin on Thursday 6th September.

We have been very well supported by St Barnabas's Primary School, Fulford School and York High School who have all rented spaces in their school for our Outreach work and I am grateful for their offer of on-going partnership.

Exam results day:

All results will be available to collect (staff will be in the Reception area) from 9.30am on Thursday 23rd August.

Start of next school year

Teaching for Primary aged pupils based in Kestrel House or on the Danesgate campus will begin on **Wednesday 5th September**. The start date for Kestrel Class and KS1 Kestrel is **Thursday 6th September** as explained earlier in this letter.

Secondary aged students will have a timetable and induction meeting on Wednesday 5th September (key worker will make appointments with parents). Teaching for secondary aged students will start on **Thursday 6th September..**

Please find attached calendar for the whole of next school year showing inset and review days.

And finally.....goodbyes and hellos

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Caroline Blankley Sharp, Gemma Wright, Zoe Forsyth, Ruth Lee, Owen Thomas and Eppie Howe.

Caroline Blankley Sharp has done much to develop the Science provision since joining us. Caroline has been an incredibly supportive key worker to her students and gone out of her way to think of creative solutions for them. We will miss Caroline and wish her every success in her new role as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator at All Saints School.

Zoe Forsyth is leaving us after 2 years of being at Danesgate first on placement and then as a teaching assistant. Zoe is relocating with her family and we wish her every happiness in the future.

Gemma Wright has been a very valued teaching assistant in the primary group setting and is moving to a new post as part of York's Specialist Teaching Team and we wish her every success with this new challenge.

Ruth Lee has only been with us a year but has made a great contribution as a teaching assistant in Kestrel and in Primary Group setting. Ruth has a new post at Forest School in Knaresborough and we wish her well for the future.

Owen Thomas joined us for a temporary position in KS3 groups and is now moving on to his intended career as a police officer. Owen has been a great team player and we have no doubt he will be excellent in his new role.

Eppie Howe also joined us on a temporary basis but made such a significant contribution in the Maths department that we asked her to stay on for longer. Eppie has a new job in the independent sector and we wish her every future happiness.

I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all colleagues who are leaving this term and thank them for playing their part in what is a fantastic team of staff.

I am delighted to welcome Jamie Snowball who is an experienced Technology teacher and previously Head of Faculty in Wakefield. Jamie will be joining us in September to lead our Construction programme offer. Welcome to Kate Jackson who is joining us as Assistant School Business Manager and also welcome to Joanne Coultas who is joining us as Pastoral Support Officer.

Have a happy holiday and looking forward to another great school year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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