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To: All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the academic year approaches, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. Our thoughts go out to all our students, staff, their families and our community who have suffered tragic losses during these difficult times.

This academic year has been like no other for all of us and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the Class of 2020. The cutting short of their final year, not being allowed to sit their GCSE examinations or celebrate their leaving through their prom has been very difficult for them and the College as a whole. On behalf of all the staff at the College I would like to wish them well for the future and look forward to seeing them when they collect their results on **Thursday 20th August**.

Over the last 4 weeks it has been wonderful to welcome back our Year 10 students for a series of lessons and tutorials with their teachers. I would like to thank all those that have attended for their positive attitude and engagement with the new systems and procedures we have had to adopt to ensure their safe return. Observing and speaking to these students as they returned has given us a clear picture of the issues they have faced and the concerns they have held in coming back to school. This will be used to help formulate our response in supporting students from other year groups upon their return in September. As always we will ensure the mental health and wellbeing of our students will be at the forefront of the plans we implement at the beginning of the next academic year.

The vast majority of students at Denton Community College wear their uniform with pride and, as always, you have been very supportive of our high expectations regarding their appearance and behaviour this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind people that September will see the introduction of the new check/tartan school skirt. The current suppliers of our uniform are TopForm by Monkhouse, 217 Chestergate, Stockport SK3 0AN, Tel 0161 476 7210. Monkhouse will be in College selling uniform during the summer holidays. The finalised times, dates and location of these sales will be communicated directly with parents and carers via email.

On **Tuesday 1st September 2020** it will be 10 years since Denton Community College first opened its doors to educate the young people in this area. To celebrate this milestone, the College will be looking to establish an alumni of former students and staff to help enrich the curriculum for both our current and future students. Further details of how to get involved will be shared via email and the College website in September.

The end of an academic year always brings a number of goodbyes to several members of staff at the College. This year, we wish the following staff well and thank them for their hard work and efforts whilst working with our students:

Miss Bennett
Miss Bushnell
Mrs Gristwood
Mrs Hague
Miss Hardcastle
Mrs Lamb
Miss Lawton
Mr Linnegar

Mrs Marshall
Mr Ridgley
Mrs Rongong

Whilst these staff members are moving on to the next stage in their careers Mr Hunt, Dr Mitchell and Miss Stringer will be retiring at the end of this academic year. During their time within education they have had an impact on the lives of thousands of students and their experience will be greatly missed. I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of all their colleagues, friends and students at Denton Community College for all their efforts and dedication to the education of the young people of Denton.

Please note that the last day of term is **Thursday 16th July** and College will be closing at the earlier time of 12.30pm. Due to the current situation and the governments proposed announcement on **Tuesday 11th August** with regards to students returning to education our plans for September have not yet been finalised. What we do know is that **Tuesday 1st September** will be a staff INSET day. We are currently planning to bring our new Year 7 cohort into the building on **Wednesday 2nd September** for the induction day experience they missed in July. We propose that the other year groups will be brought in to College for a half day reorientation session with their form groups on either **Thursday 3rd** or **Friday 4th September**. This will focus on new timetables and introducing students to new systems and procedures that will have to be implemented for their safe return. These sessions will be supported during the first week with additional online learning content. Our plans are dependent upon the announcements from the government on **Tuesday 11th August** however we do hope that all students will have visited the College and returned to a full curriculum by **Monday 7th September**.

Once again, I would like to offer my thanks for your continued support of the College. I would also like to extend my best wishes to everyone for a well-deserved summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming back all of our students in September.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Rule
HEADTEACHER