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Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to report to you that the new build on North Site is going well and is on schedule for handover on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019. As you can imagine, the logistics of packing and moving equipment, resources and furniture is challenging. When we take over the new site, we have to relinquish the old one, so we cannot gradually move things across from one building to the other. Only a small amount of specialist furniture, e.g. science laboratory furniture, is provided in the contract. The rest we have to transfer across to the new build.

Plans for decant of equipment to the new build are already underway, and the first implication of this is that we will need to close the College to students for the final two days of term. **These dates are 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> July.** The College will be open to staff on those days for packing crates with classroom resources and equipment, so that they are ready to be transferred immediately when we break for the summer holidays. We also have to label classroom furniture, so that it arrives in the correct room. **This means that the summer term will end for students at 3.15 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

There will be other, more minor, teaching and learning implications as we approach the summer holidays. These include a reduction in practical work in science and D&T. Extra time will be required for the specialised packing of fragile scientific equipment and chemicals. Similarly, D&T equipment will need to be decommissioned ready for transfer to the new workshops.

We have also looked at the calendar for the next academic year and will need one closure day at the start of term to ensure that everything is unpacked and working. When this is combined with our usual training days, it extends the summer holidays by a week for students, providing a good opportunity for a cheaper holiday early in September. The outline calendar is as follows:

- Closure day to students: 4<sup>th</sup> September (open to staff on that day for getting classrooms ready, IT functioning etc.)
- INSET Days: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Students return on 9<sup>th</sup> September

A full calendar for 2019-20 will be placed on the website shortly.

I am sure there will be other issues that crop up as we move through the planning stages, but they will be relatively minor compared with the necessary closure days, and we will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher