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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the new Academic Year begins, I hope that your family has had a good summer break. Our students have returned to a site where much has changed, with improved student support and learning provision in key areas of the campus. Our major project – the creation of new drama and dance studios is nearing completion, and should come into full use in the week ahead. Many thanks to the site team, and all those involved in this major development programme. We are now setting our sights on extending and improving our dining area, and more information will come out in the months ahead.

The new year brings a new Chair of Governors, Mr Wyn Jones. Wyn has an extensive educational background, and deep experience of school leadership. The school community looks forward to working closely with him. I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Morris, our former Chair of Governors; whose commitment to our school has extended over many years. I have benefitted personally and professionally from her wisdom and insights, and am delighted that she will be staying on as Vice-Chair.

Our students performed brilliantly in their summer examinations. Tonight we will celebrate so many personal successes, and we hope to be joined by as many families as possible. We want to celebrate the achievements of all of our students, as they move into new chapters of their lives so well equipped as a result of their hard work, and the support of teachers and their families.

I'd like to welcome all new families to our school. It has been a pleasure to meet our wonderful new year 7 children. We also have several students joining in other year groups. Welcome to you all, thank you for choosing St. Edward's, and we look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Our focus as a school this year is on providing challenging learning for all students; securing high standards of behaviour for learning; and enabling students to have access to excellent careers and personal development support. Further information regarding our approach to teaching and learning, and careers, will be issued in dedicated newsletters shortly.

Finally, a plea on behalf of our neighbours. We are lucky as a school to have such supportive neighbours around our campus, but their good will is currently being tested by drivers dropping children off before school and collecting them at the end of the day. Please could I ask all parents and carers to be considerate when parking in the surrounding roads, so that driveways are not blocked, and our neighbours are not inconvenienced. Thank you in anticipation of your help with this.

I look forward to seeing you all in due course, as we move through the year.

With all good wishes,

Mr M Antram  
Headteacher

