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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Return to School

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you and introduce myself and update you on a few matters before the students return tomorrow.

Firstly, I just wanted to say how proud I am to have been appointed Headteacher of Sandhurst School. Mrs Smith did such a wonderful job for the school community over many years and I would personally like to acknowledge the support she has given me as I take on this new role. She certainly leaves big shoes to fill and I look forward to the challenge of building on the platform she has created.

Exam Results

There was lots of success to celebrate this summer for both Year 11 and 13. Many students had to overcome significant challenges over the last few years and the commitment and ambition they have each shown was inspirational. Now our attention turns to the next cohort of Year 11s and 13s and the process starts again. I look forward to establishing the vital relationship between student, parent and school so that we can all work towards the shared goal of each student fulfilling their potential.

Positive Learning Routines (PLRs)

When it comes to students reaching their potential, unfortunately there is no magic wand that we can use which quickly makes everything okay. Instead, it comes down to high quality lessons every period, every day. In order to ensure that we get the most from every lesson it is important that there is a calm and purposeful start to all lessons to maximise the opportunity to learn. In order to achieve this, we are introducing Positive Learning Routines (PLR) across the whole school so that there are consistent expectations for all students. The expectations around this will be explained to students via their tutors and class teachers when students return to school.

Sixth Form

As you may already be aware, we were not in a position to welcome new Year 12 students into our Sixth Form this September. Having carefully reviewed the viability of our Sixth Form provision, we have had to make the difficult decision to withdraw our offer for September 2024. Our current Year 13 students will be our final Sixth Form cohort. We will, of course, provide all the necessary independent advice and guidance to support our Year 11 students to move on to the most appropriate post-16 setting.

Summer Works

We have undertaken a number of works over the summer to improve the school site, the most significant being the changes to the entrance to the school and behind the science block. This has made these areas much safer and more accessible for the whole school community. I would like to thank our site team and the Corvus Learning Trust for facilitating these improvements to our learning environment.

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Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may well have seen news reports regarding some schools having to close due to the use of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC). I would like to reassure you that Sandhurst School is not one of the schools that has been contacted by the Department of Education and earlier last year the Trust undertook a survey of the school where no RAAC was identified.

I look forward to welcoming your child/ren back to school on **Tuesday 5th September**, timings can be found [here](#). The school uniform policy letter can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gareth Croxon
Headteacher