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Dear Parents / Carers,

As the end of the Summer term is quickly approaching, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure we continue to provide the best possible educational experience for your children. I would also like to share some updates, information and reminders that I hope you will find useful.

It has been a very busy, productive and successful term for staff and pupils at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy, and over the last few weeks of term there are many events taking place, both in and out of school, which we hope the pupils taking part in these experiences and opportunities enjoy.

We are very excited to have our first end of year show in over 25 years! The pupils have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to ensure Hairspray is an event not to be missed. Weekend rehearsals are in full swing and it's all coming together nicely. We would love as many people as possible to come down and support our talented pupils on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th July. Tickets can be found at our box office at www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladvandstbede

As you will all be aware, and may have seen, works to repair and improve our roof, gas and water pipes have now begun. These works are essential to securing the safety and viability of our school site for many years to come. We are aware that the changes to site access are inconvenient (they are for us too!) but we thank you all for being patient with us and not accessing site at all during the hours of 8:10am - 8:45am or 3:10pm - 3:30pm. We also thank parents and carers for not dropping their children off in the entrance way or main road.

Pupils in Year 10 will shortly begin their end-of-year assessments. This year we are using a blended approach of both in-class assessments and examinations in the hall. These examinations will help to familiarise pupils with the routines around examinations and are part of an ongoing programme preparing pupils for the GCSEs next summer. We are very proud of the mature and focused way in which our Year 10 pupils are approaching these assessments and wish them all the very best of luck.

After a positive GCSE exam period, yesterday we bid farewell to Year 11. Throughout the exam period, Year 11 have worked hard and shown great resilience and maturity. We are very proud of the young adults that they have become and look forward to them collecting their results in August. We wish them good luck for their future endeavours and know that they will go on to do amazing things. Miss Myers and all our staff are very proud of you.





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We would greatly welcome the return of any revision books, textbooks and study guides that pupils may still have as well as donations of items of uniform which are in good condition.

A further letter will be sent in the next couple of weeks in relation to the arrangements for the next academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Wilkinson Headteacher

