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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 7 - End of Year Letter

One of the things we always say to students when they start at Wildern is just how quickly each academic year seems to pass. This year has been no exception. Team Year 7 have made a phenomenal start to life at Wildern and have made a positive impression and impact on our school community. Each and every day the students in our Year Group make us hugely proud with their attitude in tackling all aspects of life at secondary school. It would be naive to believe that this year has not come without its challenges and setbacks, however our students have tackled these head on, demonstrating the determination and resilience that will be most important in the years to come.

My advice for next year is to seize every opportunity, join some co-curricular activities, get stuck in with a focus group and sign up for trips. In four years' time when you leave Wildern, these will be the memories that you look back on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the tutors for their hard work over the course of the year. We work hard to ensure that students form a trusting and positive relationship with their tutor, which I hope lasts throughout their time at Wildern; even if personnel have to change. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Hussey, Miss Lacruz and Mr McKiver at the end of this academic year. Thank you for all you have done for your respective tutor groups. We wish you all the best for the future, the new tutors will be announced in due course. Thankfully, we do keep the remaining tutors the same for September and they are keen to ensure Year 8 is another successful year. As always, please feel free to contact your son/daughter's tutor if you have any concerns.

I would also like to thank you all for your unwavering support and understanding during this last academic year, the home/school link is invaluable in the shared endeavour of educating our young people and this positive partnership has played a huge role in the success of this year.

As I am sure you will do, I encourage you to spend some time over the summer reflecting on your son/daughter's first year and discussing the many successes and the potential areas where there may be room for improvement as we head into Year 8 to ensure the most successful year possible. Year 8 is an important year with GCSE pathways decisions to be made, so starting to have these reflective conversations and discussing which subjects they wish to pursue will be time well spent.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer holiday. I look forward to the students returning for their 'Meeting Me' conversations on Tuesday 3 or Wednesday 4 September 2024 and then in full on Thursday 5 September 2024 ready and rejuvenated for the challenges that lay ahead.

Yours faithfully

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