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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to provide some updates partway through the second summer, and final, half term of the school year.

In this communication Mr Nicholas shares some important messages regarding student attendance to school, I provide an update regarding the school leadership team structure and there is clarification regarding uniform expectations for the last 4 weeks of term.

Many congratulations to Year 11 students on their exceptional conduct during their GCSEs exams, their diligence and conduct was exceptional, we look forward to celebrating with them at their Prom in 2 week's time. It is pleasing to see that Year 9 & Year 10 students are following in their footsteps as they complete their summer examinations.

Many thanks to all of you that joined us at school last week for the KS3 Celebration Evening and Hey Ychs performance, both were delightful events and it was wonderful to see so many students performing, confidently, in front of a large audience.

Student Attendance to School – Mr Nicholas

Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance at Bishop's. As you may recall, attendance was recognised as a strength during our recent Ofsted inspection, and we are grateful for the important role that families play in helping us maintain these high standards. Research consistently shows that strong attendance has a significant positive impact on children's learning, progress, wellbeing, and overall outcomes.

As part of our ongoing commitment to further improving attendance, we regularly review attendance patterns across the school. We have noticed that attendance immediately before and after school holiday periods is often lower than at other times of the year. Some of these absences are linked to family holidays taken during term time.

With this in mind, we would like to remind parents and carers that holidays during term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Learning continues right up to the end of the school year, and we carefully plan meaningful activities for every day of the term, including up to the end of the school day on Friday the 17th of July.

The final days of term are also an important opportunity for children to spend time with friends, reflect on their achievements, and celebrate another successful year at Bishops through our end-of-year awards and celebration assemblies.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that children attend school every day possible and make the most of all the opportunities available to them.

Always Faithful with Christ

New Leadership Positions at BHBS

Over the past weeks and months changes to the school leadership structure have been planned and implemented. Below is a summary of the key changes, some are currently active, all will be in place for the September start of the new academic year.

Senior Assistant Headteacher – Mr Collingbourne

From September Mr Collingbourne will take on additional responsibilities overseeing all curriculum intent & provision along with school wide staff professional development. He will lead the school Teaching and Learning Team. In recognition of this he will be the Senior Assistant Headteacher.

New Assistant Headteacher - Mrs Lauren Moesely -Jones

Mrs Moseley- Jones will join us in September from John Kyrle High School as a new, additional, Assistant Headteacher member of the school leadership team. Mrs Moseley-Jones will lead Teaching, Learning and Quality Assurance across the school. She will be working closely with Mr Collingbourne, Curriculum Team Leaders and the Teaching and Learning Team

Acting SENCo - Mrs Collingbourne

Mrs Collingbourne has been fulfilling 2 roles in the school this academic year, as Deputy SENCo and Head of Ashley House. Following the relinquishment of her Head of House role to Mr Gibbons, she will now fulfil the role of Acting SENCo. Mrs Collingbourne will be overseeing all SEN support for students at BHBS. Mrs Collingbourne is transitioning across to this role during the final few weeks of the summer term.

Lead Practitioner of SEN – Mr Vaughan

From September Mr Vaughan will be our Lead Practitioner of SEN, he will be utilising his many years of SEN leadership and teaching experience to help develop SEN practice across the school. He will support SEN colleagues with consultation reviews, diagnostic testing and student intervention whilst also developing SEN teaching and learning practice across the school. This will involve the planning and delivery of specialist English and maths group teaching at KS3, along with the development of the ASDAN option course for Year 10 students.

Extended Leadership: Student Personal Development, Vision, & Ethos - Mrs Barker

Mrs Barker will continue with her leadership role across Religious Studies and Student Personal Development but from September will also lead on the school's Vision, Ethos and Christian distinctiveness. In this extended leadership role, Mrs Barker will aid the senior leadership team with the school wide development of these fundamental areas of school life.

From September the school leadership team structure will be:

Mr Williams – Headteacher

Mrs Bunston – Deputy Headteacher: Outcomes and Student Experience

Mr Gibbins – Deputy Headteacher: Safeguarding, Rewards and Behaviour

Mrs Christopher – School Business Manager: Finance, Health, Safety and Premises

Mr Collingbourne – Senior Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum Intent & Provision. School Wide CPD

Mr Nicholas – Assistant Headteacher: Attendance, Transition and Behaviour

Mrs Moseley-Jones - Assistant Headteacher: Teaching and Learning

Mrs Collingbourne – Acting SENCo: SEN Learning Provision

Mrs Barker - Extended Senior Leadership: Student Personal Development, Vision & Ethos

Changes within the Curriculum Team Leader (CTL) structure means that from September Mrs Williams will become the CTL of Geography and Mrs Hill the CTL of History. As always at the end of an academic year, staff changes occur as experienced colleagues move on to new adventures and new staff join the team here at Bishop's. In the end of year Term Times, I will share a more detailed update of additional staffing changes.

Summer Uniform - from Monday 22nd June 2026

Temperatures have warmed slightly over the past few days, and they are set to increase further over the weekend and into next week. With this in mind, we will make changes to our usual school uniform expectations so that students remain comfortable in lessons and focused on learning. From Monday 22nd June students will no longer need to wear their blazers to / from and around school. Please can you ensure that your child moves any school equipment from their blazer to their bag, for example their standards card, stationary and locker key. If a student chooses to leave their blazer at home this means that we will not expect them to wear a jumper or coat at school.

Please remind students to bring a refillable water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated. Students should apply sun cream before coming to school and bring this with them to re-apply where required.

Regarding jewellery, in line with our expectations, students are allowed to wear up to one pair of gold or silver stud earrings in the lower lobe, no other jewellery items are allowed. Student will be asked to remove jewellery if in breach of expectations and in extreme circumstances it may be withheld by the school until collected by a parent or carer.

In these longer summer evenings it is lovely to see so many students engaging in wide ranging extra-curricular sports and activities, I would encourage all students to make the most of the opportunities and facilities at the school over the next few weeks, the practice is important as we build up to our annual sports day.

I wish you all a calm and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,



Mr T Williams
Headteacher