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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are well. We are delighted to have achieved another successful year at Pleckgate, with many successes for pupils, some of the achievements we can share with you in our final newsletter for this academic year, attached to this letter.

As you may know, we have some change of staff, notably Mr Cocker who is leaving the school as Headteacher but will continue to support the school as Director of Secondary Education working for the Education Partnership Trust. I am very proud to lead the school as Headteacher from September and look forward to meeting with parents in the new term.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know of some other staff changes in school. Mr Cadman, current Head of Year is joining our senior leadership team from September and Miss Hartley, current Head of Year 11, will take responsibility for current Year 9. Miss Hartley has a wealth of experience particularly in supporting pupils preparing for the transition from key stage 3 to key stage 4 and will be working closely with parents and pupils as they join Year 10. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Pickup to the pastoral team from September. Mr Pickup is a very experienced member of the PE team and he will become Head of Year 7. All children have a form tutor, who they meet with every morning and this tutor is the first point of contact for parents should you have any questions, require advice or wish to share any information with us about your child.

In September, as mentioned by Mr Cocker, we welcome Mr McKenzie back to school as Curriculum Deputy and Mrs Kaye as Assistant Headteacher who will be leading our Reading strategy in school and will be in touch with you in the new term to invite you to visit our newly refurbished and restocked library.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Pleckgate to thank you for your support this year. Once again, we are an oversubscribed school and welcome 280 new pupils to join us in Year 7 in September. We will also host our annual Open Evening and Open Morning on Thursday 8th September and Saturday 10th September respectively. Many of your children will be involved in this event and will be able to share their experiences of Pleckgate High School with prospective parents and pupils.

We will return to school on **Friday 2nd September 2022**. Year 7 will be in school at 8.25am and each year group will arrive by 11am. Although this is a short week, it is essential that every child attends school to receive their timetable, meet their tutor and attend an assembly so they are well prepared for the first full week of school. Pupils will also attend lessons, so should arrive in school well prepared with the correct equipment for learning.

Just a reminder about standards of uniform and punctuality. More information can be found on our website about our school uniform and our suppliers, [see link](#). Pupils must wear full and correct uniform including blue school trousers or skirt, black shoes, not trainers and should bring a blue or black coat to wear outside if the weather is cold. Pupils should also arrive at school by 8.20am at the latest, so they are ready to meet their tutors and prepare for the day ahead. I would like to thank you for your support in working together to maintain high standards in school.

I have also attached a copy of our safeguarding information leaflet which provides details of all the agencies and services that are available during the summer, while school services cannot be accessed.

I look forward to welcoming your children to school in September.

Best wishes

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Head of School