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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, may I thank you all for your support and forbearance over what has been the most extraordinary year. So many changes, challenges and hoops to jump through, be it Covid related, DfE guidance, Exam related or the logistics of running a school when so many have been PINGED!! Everyone, including you, needs a well-deserved break from the strains of the regulations and procedures we have been surrounded by.

As we finish the term, I can report a very successful end of school career for our year 11's, all of whom have secured college places for next year. It was great to welcome back during our Focus Week this week, one of our leavers from 2 years ago, who having qualified in childcare, came back to assist with Group 1! We wish all of our leavers every success and look forward to them re visiting us perhaps next year.

We have achieved a great amount over the last year, not least of which with technology. The online learning platforms are now well embedded and will provide an extra resource for all students in years to come. Thank you for returning all laptops; these will now be upgraded and repurposed so all students should have access to their own device when they return.

I must take a moment to thank all the staff for their boundless commitment and hard work this year. To have managed all the testing, setting up online platforms, constantly changing logistics, last minute changes of directions from DfE, constant cleaning and sanitising, public exams as well as their own covid journeys and to top it all, an Ofsted inspection; has been an immense achievement. I have been so grateful to have such a committed hardworking team that has navigated our way through this year always ensuring that positive outcomes for the boys are at the heart of everything we do.

Attached to this letter are the important dates for next year. We have a staggered start in September to enable all students, new and returning, to familiarise and settle themselves as we all return to school. At the moment of writing we do not know if any further measures will be brought in or imposed due to covid. So please look for updates either on the website, via School Ping or by email. Your son's tutor will phone you in the first week of September prior to your son's return to update you with any changes.

Your son has been given a test pack to use during the holiday period. Could I just ask that you keep two tests aside so as you can test your son twice in the week prior to his return (week after the August Bank Holiday). If there are any issues with the tests, please message the school – these will be picked up offsite.

When your son returns in September please ensure that you have made any uniform changes you need to so he arrives appropriately dressed and ready to go (a uniform reminder is attached to this letter). Your son will no doubt spend a certain amount of time

this summer on social media; try to restrict this to appropriate times and length and set some limits over its use. Please remember all mobile phones must be left at home when he returns.

I do hope you are able to enjoy a relaxing summer and are able to do some of the things we have all missed and do so in a safe way. I look forward to greeting all the boys again in September.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs M Davis**  
**Headteacher**

If you have any queries or concerns at all, please contact your son's tutor or the main office [contact@cornfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@cornfieldschool.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**If any of this information is not clear please telephone the school on 01903 731277 where someone will explain it to you**

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