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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for their support this year. It has been a really tough year and it has been challenging for everyone to negotiate. I am thankful every day that I work in the Haydock community who have really got behind the school and assisted us with coping with the Covid disruptions as they have occurred. The resilience and care that students, staff, parents, and carers have shown for one another has been essential in overcoming the challenges we have faced and is certainly a real strength of our Haydock community.

I hope that I am not speaking too soon, but our Covid record has been very good and this is definitely due to the diligence and proactive nature shown by our school community in meeting the restrictions and changes to routines brought about by the pandemic. We have worked well together to implement a brand new set of rules and guidelines in order to keep each other safe. Children have made many sacrifices, including being stuck in zones for a full academic year, and we hope to get back to some sense of normality from September.

At times we have been overwhelmed by your support, for example, the high proportion of numbers who came to get tested on their return to school (well over 95%) which has undoubtedly kept us safer. Thank-you to our amazing testing team! We have also been delighted with your support when we have phoned you to ask you to collect possible Covid contacts and in making sure that students abide by the guidance from the school and Department for Education. We do not like making these calls but your understanding has made it easier for us. We will need your support again with this in September but I hope that we can move forward next year and support students with their progress and outcomes. Whilst we will have to learn to live with Covid, we should be really proud of our efforts and continue to be cautious next year whilst prioritising the students' learning, well being and extending opportunities.

We effectively re-open as a brand new school during the next academic year and we will need to continue to improve our standards, alongside increasing the life chances of our students by offering more activities and experiences - and also by building on relationships with our students through our transformed praise culture. This has not been easy to do this year and will be the priority in September.

We have lost, or will be losing, a number of staff this year as they take the next steps in their careers or reach retirement. We thank all staff that are leaving and, in particular, we thank Mrs Rowe and Mr Hopkins who have been here for a long time - we wish you an enjoyable retirement. We also really appreciate the work of our IT Technician, Mr Waddilove, and wish him all the best in his new venture. We thank a small number of Governors who have resigned from their role and have supported the school whole-heartedly for many years and have certainly 'gone the extra mile' to ensure the school is as good as it can be.

We are hugely appreciative of our collaboration with Cowley International College. We will still work closely next year but will no longer be a soft federation. Particular thanks must go to Cameron Sheeran who has transformed the school during the last 4 years. Fortunately,

he will still be available for words of advice and support next year! Cameron has always put the students first and their outcomes and future pathways have improved dramatically as a result of his leadership.

We are so proud of our students this year. Their resilience, independence and openness to change has been unrivalled. We wish you all a great summer and hope you are well rested and ready to work hard in September when we will step up our efforts and new routines to put students first. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer and try to do those things that you couldn't during lockdown. If you need any help during the summer then please email info@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk.

We will always be Haydock and will continue to be at the heart of our community. We will continue to care, support and achieve!

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Abram
Head of School



Ms J Devine
Chair of Governors