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Dear parents and carers,

A final communication from me this academic year to let you know about some changes for September, and to say a few words of thanks.

Firstly, I would like to pay credit to our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 students for how they approached external examinations. Their conduct, dedication and presence of mind was outstanding. I wish all students the best for next year, whether they are returning to Sixth Form, off to college, venturing to university, or travelling overseas. For those leaving us, know that you will be missed.

At this time of year, we also say farewell to a few members of staff who are moving on. They are Jodie Hatton-Belliard (English), Louise Talkowski (Maths), Tor Kelly (English) and Ian Hartnell (IT technician). I thank them for the service to the school.

We have an excellent group of staff joining us next year, whom we shall introduce to you in September.

May I remind you that Year 7 and 12 return to school for induction days on Tuesday 2nd September, and the remaining year groups return on Wednesday 3rd September. Also, a reminder that the timings of the school day are as follows: Thursdays start at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm. All other days start at 8.45am and finish at 3.25pm. Please remember to book bus places with Pulhams if you haven't already done so.

I would like to finish with some personal thanks. Having been headteacher at Farmor's for 12 years, I have mixed emotions about leaving to take up a new post in September. I have worked at six schools in the last 30 years, and I have visited many more. Farmor's is without doubt the friendliest, happiest, and most wonderful of these. Our students are a pleasure to be around and our staff are professional and committed. Thank you for your support for the school, for bearing with us when we get it wrong and for trusting us to educate your children. Headteachers are mere custodians of institutions – they come and go, trying to leave the school in a better state than they found it. I will hand on this task to Mark Surowiec, whom I know will take this responsibility as seriously as I have.

Kind regards and all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Evans

