

KSH/jr
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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 – End of Year Letter

One of the things we always say to students when they start at Wildern is just how quickly each academic year seems to pass. This year has been no exception. The year group have made a phenomenal start to life at Wildern and have really made a positive impression. I have been incredibly fortunate to take on the year group as their Director of Progress and Achievement. Just from these last few weeks in the role I have had many members of staff stop me to say what a wonderful year group they are. I cannot wait to see what the next four years looks like for the year group. My advice for next year is to seize every opportunity, join some extra-curricular activities, get stuck in with a focus group, sign up for trips. In four years' time when you leave Wildern, these will be the memories that you look back on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the tutors for their hard work over the course of the year. We work hard to ensure that students form a trusting and positive relationship with their tutor, which I hope lasts throughout their time at Wildern; even if personnel have to change. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Francis at the end of this academic year. Thank you for all you have done for 7P2. I can also announce that Mr Brooks will also be leaving his tutor group to take on the role of ADOPA for the year group. I know he is very excited to be working with the year group in a more holistic way next year. We wish you all the best for the future, the new tutors will be announced in due course. Thankfully, we do keep the remaining tutors the same for September and they are keen to ensure Year 8 is another successful year. As always, please feel free to contact your son/daughter's tutor if you have any concerns.

I would also like to thank Mr Clissold and Mrs Thomas for all their hard work supporting the year group this year. You have really helped the year group settle into life at Wildern. Mrs Thomas will be working with another year group in September and they are lucky to have her as their ADOPA.

I think it is also worth spending some time over the summer reflecting on your son/daughter's first year here and discussing the many successes and the potential areas where there may be room for improvement as we head into Year 8 to ensure the most successful year possible. Year 8 is an important year with GCSE pathways decisions to be made, so starting to have these reflective conversations would be useful.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer holiday. I look forward to the students returning for their 'Meeting Me' conversations on Tuesday 5 or Wednesday 6 September 2023 and then in full on Thursday 7 September 2023 ready and rejuvenated for the challenges that lay ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Heath
Director of Progress and Achievement – Year 7