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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 8 – End of Year Letter

I cannot believe another year is coming to a close already and wow what a year Year 8 have had. It has been wonderful to see the students continue to build on the amazing start that they had to Wildern last year. Year 8 have certainly seized lots of opportunities, including both onstage and backstage for our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors', Dancelive! as well as the multiple dance showcases and Music concerts. We have also had huge Sporting successes both individual and team based, particularly our Year 8 Boys Football team who won the Hampshire Cup.

Alongside this, we have also had individual academic successes, huge attendance at co-curricular clubs, Trips, Headteacher lunches, Focus Groups, the list goes on. Of course we then celebrate the year with our whole school trip to Paultons Park and Sports Day. It was wonderful to see the happy (and sometimes green) faces on the rides at Paultons and a brilliant day was had by all. Sports Day has been rescheduled so at the point of writing this it is all still to play for. I just hope the sun finally makes an appearance! One of the things I am most proud of this year is how Year 8 have shown huge generosity to charity events, particularly the Shoe Box appeal and basics bank. Well done for being such a kind and thoughtful year group.

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 a few of our tutors this year, Miss Buckle and Miss Austin, thank you for all you have done for B2 and A2. I know that you will be missed. Congratulations are also in order for Miss Stevens Broyd who has been promoted to an Assistant Director of Progress working with Year 7. I know J2 are devastated you will no longer be their tutor, but at least you are not going far! 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.

Year 8 was a big year with important decisions made about what subject's students want to study for the next 3 years. It is definitely worth reflecting on the positives of this year and preparing over the summer to become GCSE students in September. This will enable us to hit the ground running straight away.

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 3 or Wednesday 4 September 2024 and then in full on Thursday 5 September 2024 ready and rejuvenated for the challenges that lay ahead.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs K Heath**

Director of Progress and Achievement – Year 8

