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Dear Parent

I am delighted to write to you as the newly appointed Head Teacher of Notre Dame High School. Although it is now officially the summer break for both young people and staff, I was keen to take this opportunity to introduce myself and outline my commitment to the school community as a whole.

I have been fortunate to visit the school recently before taking up post and I would like to thank Mrs Couttie for not only her warm welcome but also her invaluable advice and support. During these visits I have had the opportunity to speak to both young people and staff and the strong sense of community and pride that is shared collectively was clear; a community who sincerely care for one another and lead with love, compassion and shared ambition even in the most challenging of years.

I realise that the school and wider community have had a particularly difficult time recently but the strength of faith, both collectively and individually, has not only brought comfort but also hope. The introduction of our new school values provides an opportunity to not only reflect and build upon the existing strong foundations but to look forwards and ensure that every young person achieves their potential. I look forward to seeing all of our young people flourish and embody our new values as an ambitious school community in the new term.

The summer break provides a welcome opportunity to rest, re-charge and spend some much-needed time with loved ones in a landscape that is closer to the "normal" we are all used to. I would urge all of our young people to take this opportunity before preparing for the new term. The new term in August represents an excellent opportunity to start afresh and work collaboratively, as a school community, towards our shared vision of ambition. With this in mind, I've included information in relation to expectations for August for all of our young people.

I look forward to meeting you in person at some point in the near future and wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully

Anne Munro
Head Teacher

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NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Our school community is built upon high expectations for all young people. These expectations are shared by all of our school community and permeate all that we do. We are ambitious for all of our young people as they grow and develop.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A school is far more than a place of learning. It is a community which is built upon a sense of belonging and collective identity. School uniform plays a key part in this identity. Our young people are proud to be part of the community of Notre Dame High School.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT?

We expect that the young people of Notre Dame High School wear the following to school:

- white shirt and tie
- black skirt or trousers
- black jumper or cardigan
- black shoes/fully black trainers

We expect that the following are **NOT** worn by the young people of Notre Dame High School:

- jeans (including black)
- leggings
- hoodies
- branded jumpers

BLAZERS

School blazers are currently an optional part of our uniform. We encourage all young people to wear blazers to school. However, we understand the financial costs of school and blazers and we will consult with young people and parents in the new term in relation to how we can support with this.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP...

We understand that everyone's circumstances are different and this is particularly true in current times. If you need any support with uniform (or any other matter) then please get in touch.