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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach our summer break, I would like to share with you some key information, thoughts and events. For staff and pupils it will be the last end of term in our current school building, which first opened its doors in April 1967. However, we eagerly anticipate moving into our new school in September.

This year our pupils have been actively involved in many aspects of democracy. Our School Parliament, with representatives from all of the BEV schools, visited the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday, 13th July. This followed a superb piece of work, led by JH Godwin Primary School, when our pupils debated the EU issue and carried out their own referendum. This project was not only for our BEV schools but included many other primary schools from across the district. It is fantastic to see so many young people discussing and reviewing important issues.

This work has been developed further through a collaborative venture with The King's School on debating. Miss Thomas has worked with a group of our Year 10 pupils alongside a teacher and group of pupils from The King's School. Together they have practised and refined their debating skills in mixed debating teams. This culminated in a final debate hosted by The King's School on Wednesday, 29th June. The teams debated some thought provoking ideas and voiced their views in front of an interested audience. We will develop this work further next year to involve pupils across each year group.

On our school website you will see a superb video of our visit to the town of Karlovo in Bulgaria. Mr Stockdale, Mr Williams (one of our school governors) and I went to the Vasil Levski school to share ideas, develop links and plan for exchange visits for our pupils. We now have a shared logo demonstrating our partnership, pupils from our school have penfriends in Bulgaria and representatives from Vasil Levski will visit our school in October. We hope that the first group of pupils from Blacon High School will visit Bulgaria in April 2017. This will support our pupils in developing further their understanding of other cultures and communities and we hope the partnership will be long lasting and enriching.

As always, our pupils have been very involved in drama activities and musical experiences. At the end of April our pupils presented Alice in Wonderland and it was a joy to see so many of our pupils enjoying this fantastic production. Year 9 pupils, with the Blacon Choir, performed at The Focus Wales Music Festival in May and hosted the Music Soiree here at school on 4th July.

I am so proud of our Year 11 pupils. They regularly attended after school sessions and holiday revision sessions ahead of their final exams. Their conduct and attitude during the exam period has been exemplary. We are looking forward to sharing some excellent results in August. **Results Day is Thursday, 25th August and pupils can collect their results from 10am – 11am in the Hall of our 'old' school building.**

We celebrated with Year 11 pupils at our superb Record of Achievement Evening on 30th June. It was a joyous occasion and staff were able to give a meaningful farewell to their pupils. The celebrations continued at the Year 11 Prom held at The Queen Hotel on Friday, 8th July when the evening dazzled with glamorous outfits, super food and dancing the night away.

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Staff even enjoyed being beaten at football by the Year 11 team (who had for the previous three years reached the England Small Schools (ESFA) football final). Visit the school website to see the highlights and 'low moments' of this memorable match.

I hope that you share our excitement about moving into our brand new school in September. As you know, having secured a 'Good' judgement from Ofsted in January 2016, we are now on our route to 'Outstanding'. The new building heralds a bright future for this school and its pupils. **Please join us on Saturday, 10th September between 10am and 1pm in an Open Morning in our new building.** We look forward to showing you the fantastic new facilities.

As always, please support us in ensuring that your child returns in September in the correct uniform and equipped for learning.

Uniform Reminders:

We expect all students to wear our uniform. Our uniform reflects our high expectations. Uniform is the first thing to be seen by the public so we expect students to wear uniform properly at all times, including walking to and from school.

All students should:

- Wear a sensible coat to and from school in poor weather
- Wear shoes in school at all times, NOT trainers
- Carry a reasonably sized school bag
- Make sure there are no extremes of hairstyle or colouring
- At most, wear only one plain ring/plain round ear studs and a wristwatch
- Wear the following uniform.

Girls' Uniform

- School blazer
- School tie
- White school blouse (short or long sleeve)
- Black skirt (school style, knee-length, NOT a pinafore)
- Black trousers (school style, no jeans or cords)
- Black shoes (no heels, wedges, boots, slip-ons or canvas/plimsolls)
- Black or white socks
- Neutral or plain black tights

Boys' Uniform

- School blazer
- School tie
- White school shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Black trousers (school style, no jeans or cords)
- Black shoes (no boots, trainers or trainer shoes, no canvas/plimsolls, no white piping on shoes)
- Black or white socks

Each student is expected to provide the following basic items of equipment for every lesson:

- Black ballpoint pen
- Pencil and pencil eraser
- Ruler
- Student Planner (these will be given out on the first day back)

