

24 July 2018

**Dear Parent/Carer** 

We are nearing the end of another amazing year at Hampstead School. I trust that you will enjoy reading the Hampstead Buzz for the summer term which is on the school's website <u>www.hampsteadschool.org.uk</u>. It reflects some of the successes that our students have had over the last term.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in what has seemed a particularly long year. Students, as always, have worked hard and I always feel so proud of them when visitors comment on their excellent behaviour and positive attitude around the school.

The summer term is always packed with events such as Enrichment Day, Year 9 Army Engagement day and International Arts Festival. It was good to have the chance to talk with so many of you who attended our Sports Day and our two Celebration Events.

A recent highlight was the official opening of our new facilities by the Secretary of State for Education – in fact the real highlight is that we have no more building works.

I know that you would wish to join me in saying 'Thank You' to our dedicated staff team for their work with your children this year. However, at this time, a considerable number of our staff are moving on to promoted positions both in the UK and overseas. We wish them well and trust that they will always carry a bit of Hampstead School in their hearts. In light of that you can be assured that we are fortunate in being fully staffed for the next academic year, with many new highly qualified and dedicated professionals joining our school.

Your child may have been given some work to complete over the summer by their subject teachers and we would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that this is completed for their return in September. There are also a number of websites for extra study or revision, of which your child will be aware, to support their progress in individual subjects. Your child's academic report will be sent out separately.

School starts on Tuesday 4 September for Year 7 at 0835 and Year 12 at 0945 prompt. All other Year Groups start at 0835 on Wednesday 5 September. From September, the school gate will close at 0835 and any student not in tutor time by 0840 will be marked late.

Can I remind you that your child must attend in full school uniform, which is detailed on our website. Please note that students not in uniform will be sent home to change.

I hope you have a wonderful break with your family and friends and that you enjoy the rest of



the summer. Whatever you are doing, I ask you to please encourage your child to enjoy some good quality holiday reading – it really is so stimulating and important. Please let them see you reading, and surround them with books.

My very best wishes

Jacques Szemalikowski Head

