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End of Year Letter

Dear parents/carers,

It is fair to say that the 2023-2024 academic year has been an historic one in Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre. It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to be Headteacher of this wonderful school and I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the entire school community for the welcome and support I have received. We've undertaken some really important work this year to identify what is working well and what things we need to develop further. I am really excited about the improvement journey that the school is on and I'm already looking forward to next year.

Before we finish for the summer, I would like to bring you up to date with developments and plans for September. Firstly, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to our Head Boy and Head Girl. They have been wonderful ambassadors and advocates for our school and contributed so much over the years. I would also like to thank and wish our six other leavers the very best for their future lives. Trinity Fields will always be here for you and we're only a phone call away. Please make sure you stay in touch and keep us up to date with everything you continue to achieve.

Going for Gold

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the various 'Going for Gold' assemblies. These were fantastic events where we got to celebrate the progress being made by our pupils. I really enjoyed seeing their pride and support for each other at these wonderful occasions.

Sports Day

It was also excellent to join with families at our various sports day activities. Without exception, the feedback from sports day has been brilliant. It is clear that the venue and programme of activities worked so well and I would like to thank Caerphilly Sport, Jack Hopkins from the WRU and of course Liam and Katie for organising such excellent occasions. I have been really pleased with our physical literacy and sport provision this year and look forward to seeing what we can achieve next year.

Music Celebration Event

It was my pleasure to take part in a really moving and equally impressive music celebration earlier this term. We heard brilliant performances from our Orchestra, Ukulele Band and Choir. It is clear that pupils' hard work really paid off and I was so impressed with their confidence and enjoyment. Many thanks to Rebecca for coordinating our brilliant music provision this year.



6th Form Prom

On 11TH July, we celebrated our leavers Prom at Bryn Meadows Golf Club. The venue was a befitting location to celebrate with our sixth formers as we said a fond farewell to our leavers. I was so impressed with our pupils' social skills and it's clear they really enjoyed the occasion. Thank you to all involved in organising this spectacular event.

Theatre Performances

We were really lucky to welcome two theatre companies into school along with Dark Sky observatory. These special, 'enrichment' events are something we are looking to further develop next year to support our new curriculum. It was great to see the sense of Awe and Wonder created by the experiences.

Curriculum Development

We have been continuing our work with developing our curriculum. We are really excited about some changes in September to make sure we stay abreast of the latest developments. We have reviewed our themes for learning to ensure they are authentic and inspire pupils. We have also reviewed our target setting procedures using several specialist frameworks which dovetail with pupils' IDPs.

Our themes for learning each term will broadly be the same but made age appropriate according to each department. Our theme in September 2024 will be **'The Great Outdoors'**. Our learning will involve a number of whole school enrichment activities including 'Paralympic Games' and of course our usual Christmas celebrations. Staff have also been busy reviewing 'cross cutting themes' such as Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE), Online safety and Religion, values and ethics education (RVE). I'm really looking forward to seeing these changes in action.

We've linked with other schools and Local Authority specialist advisors to ensure we're bang up to date! We're really excited by what our learning will look like in September. During the next half term, we hope to be in a position to invite parents/carers into school to hear more about the curriculum and to gain your opinions and perspectives about what you would like to see included

Hydrotherapy Pool

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that our first pupils have used the pool. Once again, I would like to thank pupils, staff, parents and carers for their patience and support during the last year.

Educational Visits

Following clear feedback from pupils, staff and parents, it was clear that we needed to increase the provision for educational visits. I am delighted that most pupils have now been on an educational visit. Moving into September, educational visits form a vitally important part of our curriculum as we seek to provide authentic learning experiences for pupils.

Building Work

I would firstly like to thank all pupils, staff, parents and wider school stakeholders for their patience, understanding and support during the last year. The building work is hugely exciting and will provide superb facilities for our learners. However, it has also needed compromise this year, most notably with the traffic situation. I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to the entire school community.



I am delighted to inform you that we are still on track for 2 classes to be handed over in September with the remainder of the building due to be handed over in January. Senior colleagues have had a couple of opportunities to visit site to see the facilities that are in development. By the end of term, we also hope to allow a few pupils to visit.

We have already begun talking about Phase 2 which will start in January and will see the refurbishment of many elements of the existing building. This will include a full roof replacement programme, re-configuration of office spaces, expansion of the hall, updated hydrotherapy pool changing facilities, updating of all bathroom/hygiene areas, development of a Lego themed sensory room and some minor classroom refurbishments.

We are working through the planning phase at the moment and trying to limit disruption to an absolute minimum. We have tried to factor in the logistics of Phase 2 with the publication of class lists for September. For a few classes, there will be a need for them to relocate in January to allow the refurbishment to continue. We will communicate directly with pupils and families before this happens. The intended completion date for Phase 2 is January 2026.

In order to manage the huge logistical challenges of moving into the new building at different points in the year, the Local Authority have granted us two additional moving days. We will combine these with our INSET days and will therefore have 8 x closure days next year. These dates are:

- Monday 2nd September – INSET – statutory training
- Tuesday 3rd September – INSET – curriculum development
- Wednesday 4th September – Moving Day **(main site only - not satellites)**
- Monday 6th January – INSET Day – curriculum development
- Tuesday 7th January – Moving Day – **(main site only - not satellites)**
- Friday 11th April – INSET Day – curriculum development
- Monday 9th June – INSET Day - Transition
- Monday 21st July – INSET – to be taken as twilights throughout the year

Further diary dates will be circulated to you separately.

It only leaves me to wish you a happy and safe summer break. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to manage exciting but logistically challenging times with the new build. I look forward to developing our school together in September.

With very best wishes as always,



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