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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on and celebrate what has been a truly fantastic year at St Mark's Academy.

Throughout the year, our students have demonstrated exceptional commitment, resilience and ambition, embracing every opportunity available to them both inside and outside the classroom. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, the dedication of our staff, and the ongoing support of our families.

This year has been filled with memorable experiences and opportunities. Our Year 12 students were fortunate to take part in two incredible trips to Thailand, developing their independence, broadening their cultural understanding and creating unforgettable memories. Students also enjoyed the highly successful Paris trip, which provided valuable cultural and educational experiences.

In addition to our international visits, students participated in a wide range of enrichment opportunities throughout the year. Whether exploring the wonders of London Zoo, stepping back into history at the London Dungeons, challenging themselves at Go Ape, or enjoying time with friends at Rollernation, these experiences have enriched students' learning and personal development.

We are also incredibly proud of the achievements of our sporting teams, who have secured many victories across a range of competitions this year. Their success reflects not only their talent and determination but also the teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship they consistently demonstrate when representing the Academy.

A further highlight has been the outstanding work of our HPA students, who have excelled through their innovative and inspiring Passion Projects. These projects have showcased students' creativity, curiosity and willingness to go beyond the curriculum in pursuit of their interests and aspirations.

The Performing Arts department has also given us much to celebrate. Our school production of High School Musical was a tremendous success, bringing together students from across the Academy to deliver an entertaining and professional performance. The dedication shown by the cast, musicians, backstage crew and staff was remarkable, and we are immensely proud of everyone involved.



As we look ahead to the summer, we would like to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best of luck as they await their examination results. We are extremely proud of the effort and perseverance they have shown throughout the year and look forward to celebrating their achievements with them.

Last Day of Term Arrangements – Tuesday 21 July

Please note the dismissal times for the final day of term:

- Year 10 and Year 12 students: 11:50am dismissal
- Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students: 12:00pm dismissal

Free School Meals

Students will receive their free school meal allocation at break time.

Return to school

2nd September – All staff inset day

3rd September – Year 7 and 12 08:25am (latest arrival) -12:30pm dismissal

4th September – All Years

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have celebrated many successes and created opportunities that have helped our young people grow academically, socially and personally. We wish all of our students and families a safe, enjoyable and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at St Mark's Academy.

Yours faithfully,



Aimee Gallagher
Headteacher