



Bishop Hedley Catholic High School



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We come to the close of 2016/17 and pupils have already begun their studies for the next academic year, the timetable having moved up one academic year a fortnight ago. We enjoyed a week of Year 6 pupils joining us as the next Year 7 intake. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Eleanora Viazzani-Howfield is retiring this summer. She led a highly successful French Department which consistently attained 100% A*-C at GCSE. Latterly Mrs Howfield was an Assistant Head, leading the development of the Welsh Baccalaureate, and a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team. All at BHHS wish Mrs Howfield a happy and rewarding retirement, I am sure that she will maintain her contact, having been a pupil here too!

Mr Garry Maher is sadly leaving BHHS for a Headship at St Bede's, Bristol. Mr Maher will make a superb head teacher and will take with him a wealth of experience and happy memories of BHHS. We also say farewell and a happy retirement to Mrs Amy Cushen, who works in the office and Mrs Jane Soden, Art teacher. All gave themselves fully to Bishop Hedley, their loyalty and commitment cannot be under estimated and we shall surely miss them. Mrs Howfield will be replaced as Head of French by Mrs Sam Esau, combined with her role as Director of Learning for Key Stage 4. Mr Maher will be replaced by Mrs Sarah Hopkins on a temporary basis, with the post being advertised next term.

Congratulations to Kristian Maciejczyk and Lois Mullins on their appointments as Head Boy and Girl. The school council were magnificent in their serious, professional approach to the interview process.

The school will be closed for an INSET Day on **Friday 14th July** will close at the end of the summer term at 1pm on **Friday 21st July**.

Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September are INSET days and therefore school will re-open for the new academic year on **Wednesday 6th September**, with the school day starting at 8.40 am and ending at 3pm – 15 minutes earlier than at present.

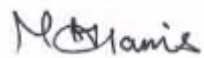
Dates of term for 2017/18 are:

Term	Term Begins	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn 2017	Wednesday 6 September	Monday 30 October	Friday 3 November	Friday 22 December
Spring 2018	Monday 8 January	Monday 19 February	Friday 23 February	Thursday 29 March
Summer 2018	Monday 16 April	Monday 28 May	Friday 1 June	Friday 20 July

Finally, I would like to remind you that we have a standard school uniform which we expect our pupils to wear at all times at school. No jeggings, leggings, skinny trousers or black jeans are allowed and pupils should wear black shoes and not trainers. Please see the photographic guide attached.

I wish you a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M Harris
Headteacher