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Dear Parent/Carer

With the end of term fast approaching (our last day is Friday 21 July), I am writing to thank you for your support over the past eleven months and to provide you with information relating to next year.

We end this year on a very pleasing note with fabulous SATs results, across Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These can be found on our website via the following link:

<http://www.hexhammiddleschool.co.uk/index.php/home/key-stage-2-results>. Very well done to all Year 6 pupils for their hard work and perseverance throughout Years 5 and 6, and, of course, to the teaching and support staff (and parents) who were with them every step of the way.

As you know, our pupils have enjoyed a rich variety of extra-curricular and enrichment activities and events throughout this year and these continue throughout this last week of term, with various year group trips taking place. You will get a flavour of what has been going on in recent weeks from our latest Newsletter, attached to this letter. A huge thank you to all the staff who go above and beyond to provide these important opportunities and experiences for our pupils. Thank you too to our fantastic Parent Teacher Association which makes such a valuable contribution to what is on offer.

We bid a fond farewell to our Year 8s who really have been a fantastic year group and will be missed. However, I will of course see them again in September at the High School and I look forward to keeping an eye on their progress there.

Four staff are moving on to pastures new next year: Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Barnett, Mr Murtough and Mr Hall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for their hard work and commitment and wish them well for the future, particularly so in the case of Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Barnett, who are retiring having given many, many years of wonderful service to Hexham Middle School. Whilst it is always sad to see good colleagues leave, it is a joy to welcome new colleagues on board, and I am delighted to report that we have made excellent appointments in Mr Anderson, Mr Barry, Mrs Biggs and Mr Healey, each of whom will bring great energy and enthusiasm to the school.

Form tutors / classes for next year will be as follows. Please note that in Year 7, new form groups are established as pupils move into Key Stage 3. Children currently in Year 6 will be given the details early this week. Children currently in year 5 and year 7 will also be informed of their new form tutor this week.



Year 5

Mrs Hall 5FHA
Mrs Alderson 5RAL
Mr Anderson 5TAN
Mr Armstrong 5CAR

Year 7

Miss Kwella (7JKW)
Mr Holdworth (7IHO)
Mrs Crowley (7CCR)
Mr Patterson (7NPA)

Year 6

Mr Gaines takes Mr Watters' class (6PGA)
Mrs Roff takes Mrs Hall's class (6NRO)
Mrs Phillips takes Mrs Jenkins' class (6SPH)
Miss Kingett takes Mrs Phillip's class (6EKI)

Year 8

Mrs Biggs takes Mr Patterson's class (8KBI)
Mrs Gregory takes Miss Kwella's class (8AMG)
Mr Graham takes Mrs Crowley's class (8AGR)
Ms Carruthers takes Mr Holdsworth's class (8CCA)

Should you have any queries regarding these, please contact the relevant pastoral leaders: Mrs Cave for Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) and Mr Freeman-Myers for Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8). There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet tutors at a Pastoral Evening in September.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 5 pupils in September and to the return of our current Year 5s, 6s and 7s. We begin again on **Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 8.50 a.m.** with pupils due to spend the start of the day in form groups before moving onto their regular timetable. Thank you in anticipation for your support in ensuring that your child starts the new year in full school uniform and has the correct equipment in an appropriate bag. Please refer to our website for details.

I shall write separately to you in the new term with an update regarding our consultation. In the meantime, thank you again for your support of the school. On behalf of all at HMS, I wish you a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Atkins
Executive Headteacher