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15 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### **End of Summer Term 2025**

2024 was a truly triumphant year for us. I am immensely proud that our school community and students were recognised so positively in the latest Ofsted report, which stated:

- **The school is welcoming and pupils respect the differences in other people.**
- **Pupils are happy and feel safe in school.**
- **Pupils respond well to the school's 'sky high expectations'.**
- **Pupils display positive attitudes to their learning in lessons and try their best.**
- **At social times, pupils behave well and there is a calm atmosphere in the school.**

2025 has been another exceptional year for the academy. Over the course of this academic year, I have seen amazing achievements and events taking place. I wanted to draw your attention to some of those and give you some further information about the end of this term and the start of the 2025/2026 academic year.

The highlights of the year have been those occasions where we have come together as a community to celebrate the wealth of talent amongst our young students. The Musical 'We Will Rock You' was a triumph and long-standing records were broken in the heat of Sports Day last week. Our music concerts and inaugural carol service yet again showcased the depth of talent we have at Buckler's Mead.

Our students have excelled themselves in Maths challenges, Reading and Rotary Club competitions, Dance workshops and Sports championships. I very much look forward to formally congratulating our students during our Celebration Assemblies this Wednesday.

### **The Last Day of Term – End of Term Arrangements**

We will finish for the summer at 3.00pm on Wednesday 16 July (Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July are INSET days).

### **Returning in September**

**INSET Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September** will be INSET days – students are not required in school.

### **Back to School:**

The first day back to school for Buckler's Mead students will be **Wednesday 3 September**. This is the day when 'Launchpad' activities will take place. These are important reminders of the year ahead for students and the expectations of the academy. Launchpad activities take place in tutor groups. Students will arrive at school and go straight to the Main Hall.

The first day of term will have a staggered start, as follows:

Year group	Arrival Time	School Day timing.
New Year 7	08:30	Period 1
Year 8	09:30	Period 2 (1st half)
Year 9	09:55	Period 2 (2nd half)
Year 10	11:00	Period 3 (1st half)
Year 11	11:30	Period 3 (2nd half)

**Our new Year 7 students** should arrive at the front gate, where there will be senior staff to greet them and direct them to the main hall to start their day.

### **Staff Farewells**

It's that time of year when we say goodbye to a number of colleagues. Mrs Batchelor is returning to Pyrland Academy, Ms Kitchen is moving to Queen's College, Taunton and Mrs Morrison is moving to Hong Kong.

### **New Staff**

As the number of students applying for places continues to grow, it is very exciting to announce that we are welcoming new staff to the academy, some of whom have already started with us.

Ms L Hickman - Teacher of Science

Ms C Goldhawk - Teacher of English

Miss E Ball - Teacher of PE

Miss S Breaden Boyce - Teacher of English

Miss M Parker - Teacher of Art and Photography

Ms S Perkins - SENDCo, (joined us after May Half Term 2025)

Mr M Bridges - Assistant Head and Teacher of Geography (joined us after May Half Term 2025)

Mr K Wagland - Teacher of iMedia and Computer Studies (returned to Buckler's Mead at Easter 2025)

Miss A Bain - Admin team (joined the team in the Spring Term)

This has without a shadow of doubt, been a hugely successful year for our academy community. Students and staff alike have plenty to celebrate and a huge amount to be proud of. The next academic year will bring new challenges and yet more reasons to celebrate success. In the meantime, I hope you and your families have a restful and peaceful holiday.

Yours sincerely



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