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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter continues to find you all well and that you have made some use of the beautiful weather this week?

It has been absolutely lovely to see students returning to site and re-engaging with their learning in person! A school is not a school without its students. I have taken great pleasure in speaking to as many students as possible over the last couple of days. I can't wait until such time as we can welcome more students back and increase my interactions with a wider group of students.

There have been a range of Government announcements this week that we are digesting and making arrangements for. For next week, we proceed as planned and continue to invite in to school Year 10 and 12 students to undertake some small face to face group sessions. Next week, I will publish details on what the final two weeks before the summer look like.

Over the last six weeks, I have made a number of announcements regarding September. Some of the announcements have been supported by further details from Mr Hunt or Mr Dawson. I recently wrote with details about timetable changes in September and the format of the school day. The reason for this is to ensure that students get to experience a range of subjects at a deeper level to grow the expertise, experience and engagement in as many subjects as possible.

To cater for the demands of this timetable and to support the growth in student numbers, I have increased the number of staff in school from September.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the following members of staff who will join us at the start of the new term:

Miss Stevenson	-	Assistant Head of School responsible for Teaching and the Curriculum
Mr Brimelow	-	Teacher of Science
Mrs Corlett	-	Teacher of Design Technology
Dr Levitt	-	Teacher of Maths
Miss Mitchell	-	Teacher of Art
Mr Orme	-	Lead Teacher of Modern Languages
Miss Watts	-	Teacher of Drama

Conversely, we also have staff that will sadly leave us at the end of this academic year and I wish to pay tribute to the contributions that each have made to the Garibaldi School community over their time here.

Firstly, Mr Brown in History, retires after a career in teaching spanning 27 years. He has been with us for the last two years. However, we will still see Mr Brown as he will return to work with us on a part time basis from September.

Mrs Hill, Teacher of Spanish is also retiring after a career in teaching spanning 35 years. Mrs Hill has worked with us for the last four years. Both Mr Brown and Mrs Hill have been senior leaders in other schools in the past and I have been grateful for their experiences and knowledge of education and the benefit this has brought to the school and our students.

Miss Convery, Lead Teacher of Science, leaves us after to 12 years of service to the school. She has led many enrichment opportunities, providing real life experiences of sciences and creating wonderful memories for our students.


Finally, after a career of 28 years at Garibaldi, Mrs Strain, Lead Teacher of Art also retires. Mrs Strain has held a number of roles in the school and has made an impression on the lives of so many young people over her time here. I know she will be fondly missed by students past and present.

For all staff mentioned, I wish to thank them publicly for their contributions to Garibaldi over the years and I know that parents and students will join with me in wishing them all, the very best wishes for the future.

Well done to all Hall of Fame nominees for this week. Well done to all students for maintaining resilience on working from home, and well done to the hard work of Year 10 and 12 this week in school for the work you have produced and attitudes to learning.

Best wishes for now.

Yours faithfully



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Head of School