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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

As the academic year draws to an end, I am writing to thank you for your continued support of the school through this most unpredictable year. With very little notice we have been expected to adapt to the covid measures, open an onsite testing centre and introduce a version of assessment to replicate the external exam season. We've had to send students home to isolate, teachers and students have had adjust to teaching 'hybrid classes' where some students are in the classroom and others are logging in remotely while isolating, we even had to move our whole school online overnight in January so students could follow their timetables remotely. It is testament to the wonderful staff and students, and to you, that we have been able to do this with such professionalism and ease. Thank you for your understanding, patience, support and encouragement throughout this year.

Despite all the challenges, we still have much to celebrate and I hope you have had the opportunity to look at our Summer Term newsletter to give you a flavour of all the activities we have managed to enjoy. We have some wonderful students and we are very proud to celebrate their achievements.

We also congratulate our Year 13 and 11 students who conducted themselves with maturity and commitment throughout their assessments and we wish them well for the results days in August and for the future. (A Level – Tuesday 10th August, GCSE – Thursday 12th August).

As we reach the end of another school year we also recognise and give thanks to all the staff that are leaving us this year. We are grateful to them all for their commitment and dedication to the school, the support they have given to their colleagues and the care they have shown to your children and we wish them very well for their futures. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Eva Henninger for her 20 years of service to St Margaret Ward and we wish her well for a long and happy retirement.

Mr Johnson wrote to you earlier in the week with the arrangements for September and a copy of this letter, along with details of results days for Year 13 and 11 students can be found on the school website. We wait to see how events develop over the summer and hope we can have more stability and certainty next year. Thank you once again for your continued fantastic support of St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. I hope you have a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully

Mr D McKenna
Principal

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