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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the year so far and share some important news with our school community.

Firstly, we bid farewell to members of staff who are moving on to new adventures. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr Qadir, Mr Majid, Mr Robertson, Mrs Chilton, Miss Tilley, Mrs Simpson and Mr Coulson for their dedication and hard work during their time at Longsands. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. I would also like to take the time to commemorate the retirement of Mrs Carpenter who has worked at Longsands since 1992, first as a Geography teacher and then as an Exams Officer and Cover Manager. Mrs Carpenter has had a positive impact on the lives of many students past and present and we would like to wish her a long and happy retirement.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new members to our team. Mrs Doolan, English Lead Practitioner, Miss Coles, English teacher, Mr Fazel, teacher of Politics, Law and History, Miss Martin, Maths teacher, Miss George, Maths teacher, Mrs Burley, Maths teacher, Ms Stewart, Reset Base Manager and Mrs Syms, Pastoral Support Officer, who all bring with them a wealth of experience, passion, and enthusiasm. We are confident that they will add great value to our school and enrich the learning experiences of our students.

As always, the end of term is a time for reflection and celebration. I would like to commend all of our students for their scholarship, tenacity, and positive attitude this term. We have seen great achievements across all areas of school life – from academic success to extra-curricular accomplishments – and I am incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved.

I would also like to take the time to thank all of the staff at Longsands for their commitment and support. The dedication and care they give to our students make Longsands a special place.

Finally I wish everyone in our school community a restful and joyous Christmas break, with time to recharge. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year for another exciting term ahead.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes



Dr Cusick
Principal