

Learning for Life!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This glorious summer day is a beautiful day to bring Academic Year 2020-2021 to a celebratory end. We have learned in the past 18 months that new challenges are there for us to conquer, and good things can come out of unexpected situations. Our students have shown how they can adapt their learning and be the best they can be, regardless whatever the last year has thrown at them. It is time to celebrate their achievements, resilience and courage in all areas of their lives.

We are saying farewell to our Leavers 2021, who have all secured their college or 6th Form placements ready for September. Our students have submitted their coursework for external assessments, taken exams and are eagerly waiting for their results in August. I wish you all the best in the future, and we hope you can keep in touch with us in years to come. All the best of luck with your new adventures!

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Brown and Mr Pritchard, who are both retiring this academic year to do all the exciting things they have planned and to enjoy their retirement. I am delighted to announce that Mr Page has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher in a Special School based in Cambridge and he will be joining their team from September. On behalf of the Lonsdale community, I wish our colleagues all the best for the future, and thank them for their commitment to Lonsdale School.

Our school staff team is getting bigger and I am pleased to share with you that we have recruited 11 new members of staff to support our students learning and care, including their residential experience in REP, which is scheduled to re-open in September. A letter from Anne Smart will follow to parents detailing the next steps.

We are delighted to welcome to Lonsdale:

Mrs Rosenberg – Form Tutor – KS5	Miss Wood – Class Teacher, Primary
Miss Agnew – PE Apprentice	Miss Anderton – MSA
Mrs Barclay – MSA	Mrs Clements – LSA
Mrs Copeland – RSSW	Mr Draper – LSA
Miss Galley – MSA	Miss Pybus – MSA
Miss Walton – LSA	

I would like to thank all parents, carers and families for your support to our school. This year has shown how much can be achieved by working together. Our class teaching and learning support teams, Clinical Care Workers, Midday Supervisors, REP staff, Administrative team, AAC team, school therapist/ counsellors, NHS therapists and nurses, Engie site staff and our Governors have come together with you to ensure that your child's educational experience is a positive one, and your family is fully involved in their school life. Thank you for your feedback, responses to our surveys and communication. This is helping us to further develop our support and care to your child. Thank you!

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Lonsdale School will be closed until 31st August and we will welcome students back on Thursday, 2nd September. All information about the next academic year will be available on the school website at <https://www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk>

The school building will undergo some refurbishments and it will look lovely when done. Our staff teams will be setting areas up and accessing their INSET training before students start.

I wish you all a good summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours Sincerely

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