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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now drawing to the end of our first academic year as The Samworth Church Academy. I can honestly say it has been the most exciting and rewarding year in my professional career (of over 30 years). I genuinely hope our students and staff have had a similar experience. Within the Academy we have been reflecting on all that has happened this year. The list of activities and notable events is enormous. I am in awe of what our staff and students have achieved.

It is important that I thank you, our parental community, for the support you have given to our young people and to our staff. We have been delighted with the level of support we have had. Attendance at parent's evenings and Academy events has been exceptional.

It is also the time of year when we say goodbye to students in Year 13 and some students in Year 11. We wish them all the very best for a happy and prosperous future. We hope that they keep in contact with us so we are aware of their future successes. It is also a time when we say goodbye to colleagues who are retiring or moving on to pastures new and starting a different phase in their lives. In particular, we would like to thank the following staff for their recent commitment to the Academy but more importantly for their commitment to young people in this area over an extended period of time:

- Martin Tate
- Lesley Leeming
- Glyn Lewis
- Teresa Draper
- Tony Le Grice
- Jane Vardy
- Lynne Fletcher
- Marilyn Medjdoub
- Karin Hubble
- Carol Kemp
- Patricia Cook
- David French
- Lesley Hemingway

There are some important dates that you may wish to note:

- A Level Results – Thursday 20th August. A2 from 9.00am and AS from 10.00am. Results can be collected from the Restaurant area in the main building.
- GCSE Results – Thursday 27th August. Results can be collected from 9.30am, from the Restaurant area in the main building.
- New Year 7 ONLY Uniform Collection – Will be on Friday 28th August between 9:00am and 4:00pm and also on Saturday 29th August between 9:00am to 1:00pm, from the Main Reception. If parents cannot make that time then please contact Mrs. Maureen Brown to make alternative arrangements. If parents of students for other years wish to order any new uniform please contact the Academy on the main reception number (01623 450025).
- Start of term – Thursday 3rd September 2009.
- Sixth Form enrolment – Wednesday 2nd September. Year 12 between 12.00 and 2.00pm and Year 13 between 2.00 and 3.30pm. Enrolments will take place in the Stuart Hall

You should also note a slight change to our normal arrangements for the last day of term, Friday 17th July.

- The Academy will start at the normal time for all students.
- All students will have lunch at 12.05pm.

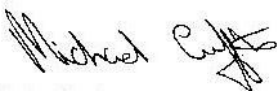
- At approximately 1.15pm there will be a whole Academy assembly.
- Students will be dismissed shortly after this assembly. We expect this to be before 2.00pm.

Of course, we are able to supervise students after this time if it is necessary to do so. If you would like supervision for your child, up to the normal finish time of 3.15pm, please contact the relevant school office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

The Academy will be open throughout the summer break except for weekends and August Bank Holiday Monday. The normal working hours will be 9:00 am till 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

We are looking forward to our first set of external exam results with both optimism and confidence. We expect to see significant progress on the performance of the predecessor school in 2008. On behalf of the Academy, I would like to wish you and your family all the very best for the remainder of the summer. We look forward to seeing all our students return safely, for the start of term on Thursday 3rd September, enthusiastic and prepared for an even more exciting year in 2009/10.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'G'.

Michael Griffiths
Principal