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To: All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the academic year approaches, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I would like to begin by thanking our students for their continued efforts during what has been a very challenging yet rewarding year here at Denton Community College. It has been a year where the removal of facemasks has finally brought a level of normality back to education following two years of disruptions. We have seen the return of school trips, assemblies, the mixing of students across year groups, showcase performances in our theatre, work experience, visiting guest speakers and for the Class of 2022 the return of the Year 11 Prom.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise those students who made up our Class of 2022. They remained engaged and motivated throughout Year 11 and were a credit to themselves in their approach to their GCSE examinations. We are really looking forward to welcoming them back into college to receive their GCSE grades on Results Day (**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**).

An Ofsted inspection year is always a milestone in the history of a school and 2021/22 certainly was for Denton Community College. We welcomed the inspection team in November 2021 and were very pleased with their feedback and resulting report. To read statements such as *'Pupils are confident, happy and articulate'*; *'Around the school, pupils conduct themselves well and they are keen to learn in class'*; *'Staff prepare pupils well for their future lives. Pupils, including those pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and disadvantaged pupils, achieve well'* and *'Leaders, including governors, have a clear vision for the quality of education that they expect all pupils to receive'* really should make us all feel proud to be part of our school community. A full copy of our Ofsted report can be found [here](#).

This year we have seen the introduction of our new reward system which has been supported by Class Charts. Our reward system is based upon recognising and celebrating all the good things our students do, so that even those that may have gone un-noticed in the past get recognition for doing the right thing. The system is underpinned by our ethos of Be DCC (Be Diligent, Considerate & Courteous) and has resulted in over 800,000 positive recognition events and 1,000,000 reward points being awarded to our students this academic year.

Launched in 2020 our DCC Alumni continues to grow and now boasts nearly 250 members consisting of former students and staff. This Alumni is operated through the 'LinkedIn' platform, which can be accessed directly via this [link](#). If you do know anyone who might be interested in joining, please provide them with the link or direct them to our website which has a dedicated Alumni section. Our social media presence is also growing, with the College News (@DCC\_News) and Headteacher @ DCC (@HeadteacherDcc) Twitter feeds now providing well over 2500 followers with information and updates regarding the school. In addition to this January, saw the launch of our new DCC TikTok which has over 350 followers and can be found at @be.dcc.official.

As we look to the future, Denton Community College continues to find itself more popular than ever with families in the area. This year nearly 150 students have chosen to join us from other schools as in year transfers and we have once again exceeded our expectations with regards to admissions for September 2022. When the school opened with 900 students in 2010 we could never have envisioned becoming the largest school in Tameside with over 1400 students. This is a real validation of the work the school has been doing and leaves us oversubscribed across a number of year groups.

As we approach the end of the year some reminders of our existing expectations and policies regarding uniform, hair styles, piercings and mobile phones can be found in the 'Uniform & Expectations' letter issued on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. A copy of this letter can be found [here](#).

The last day of term is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. As with the end of each academic year, the College will be closing at the earlier time of 11.45am. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, a packed lunch can be made available from the canteen if requested in advance. Please contact reception or email [info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk](mailto:info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) by 9.30am on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** to place an order. Whilst the school bus companies will be providing the usual service in the morning of **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**, unfortunately there will be no return service. Students will therefore be required to make alternative arrangements for their homeward journey.

Arrangements for the return of students in **September 2022** are as follows:

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Staff INSET Day (No Students)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 7 (8.40am to 2.50pm)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 10 (8.40am to 9.55am)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 8 (10.05am to 11.20am)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 11 (12.10pm to 1.25pm)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 9 (1.35pm to 2.50pm)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** - All students (8.40am to 2.50pm)

Please note that in line with the above timetable students in Years 8 to 11 will be invited into school for an individual re-orientation lesson on Friday **2<sup>nd</sup> September**. This session will take place in their form rooms where they will receive a copy of their timetable for the 2022/23 academic year. Students will then take part in an assembly where updates to logistics will be shared with them as will a reminder of our expectations. For the sessions where students are not in school on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** Home Learning will be set for each student via Google Classroom. As you will note we have adopted similar arrangements this year as in previous years to support our new Year 7 cohort as they make the transition into secondary education. The full timetable for all students will begin at 8.40am on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

At the end of every academic year, we say goodbye to members of staff as they move on to pastures new as part of the next stage of their careers. This year it is the turn of Mr Bower, Mr Corris, Miss Harvey, Miss Hayes, Miss Merritt, Mr Nisbett, Mr Norris, Mr Pasha, Miss Rowntree & Miss Talbot. I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of their students and colleagues at Denton Community College for all their efforts and ongoing dedication to the education of the young people of Tameside.

Once again, I would like to offer my thanks for your continued support of the College. I would also like to extend my best wishes to everyone for a well-deserved summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back to College in September.

Yours sincerely



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HEADTEACHER