



# The William Henry Smith School

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Dear families,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on some of the exciting developments and accomplishments that have taken place this term.

Firstly, I hope that the term time holidays that students have enjoyed last week have been filled with unforgettable experiences. From adventurous trips to waterparks to excursions that expanded their knowledge and understanding, our students have had the opportunity to make lasting memories. Whether they were exploring new destinations, immersing themselves in different cultures, or engaging in exciting outdoor activities, it has been truly wonderful to watch all the footage.

At our Prizegiving ceremony, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of our boys. We recognised their outstanding academic and social progress, their commitment to extra-curricular activities, and their dedication to community service. The pride we felt as we applauded their accomplishments was immeasurable, and we are confident that their hard work and perseverance will continue to shape their future successes.

It has certainly been a busy term with developments in careers and work experience, the annual sailing voyage, our new farm pigs arriving, Easter Fayre, Eid celebrations, Zoolab visits, drumming lessons, volunteering in the community, visits by Student Voice to leadership meetings, football tournaments and of course our Coronation party to name a few!

I would also like to briefly refer back to the previous letter we sent regarding the changes to our leadership and structure starting in September, under the guidance of the Smith Foundation. We are excited to embark on this new chapter, as we believe it will bring about positive transformations in our community. We remain committed to providing an exceptional education that nurtures the holistic development of our students and prepares them for the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. These are indeed exciting times ahead, and we are grateful for your ongoing support and trust.

Now, it is with great pleasure that I share some wonderful news with you. We have received confirmation from Ofsted that our registration for the Children's Home, Boothroyd House, has been approved. This achievement marks an important milestone for the foundation, as it enables us to provide a safe and supportive environment for students who require additional care and accommodation. This, alongside the recent opening of Burrow House and the Woodrow Therapy Centre set us in good stead for an exceptional start next term.

Additionally, we will also be acquiring a small property named Fordsall House adjacent to the College, which will enhance the overall offerings of the trust. This expansion will further enrich our young adults' educational experience and provide them with even more resources and opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and creatively. We are thrilled about the possibilities this new addition presents and cannot wait to share more details with you in the near future.

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As we conclude this academic year, I would like to thank you, our families, for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we are creating an environment where our students can flourish and become the best they can be.

Wishing you all a joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the new academic year, ready to embark on exciting adventures and continue their educational and personal growth journey with renewed enthusiasm.

With warm regards,



**Sue Ackroyd**

**Principal**