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Dear Parent/ Carer

As the academic year draws to a close, we are reflecting on what has been a significant year for The Vale. There has been huge change given the move to our new academy building in January. Phase two of the project (demolition and landscaping) is scheduled for completion in September, after which students will be able to take full advantage of our outdoor facilities.

Following the consultation period for our proposed new day structure, we have made some minor adjustments to the original proposal. The finalised day structure for Year 7-11 from September will be:

Period 1	8.45- 9.45
Period 2	9.45- 10.45
Break	10.45-11.05
Period 3	11.05-12.05
Period 4	12.05-13.05
Lunch	13.05-13.50
Period 5	13.50-14.50
PHSE/tutorial/assembly	14.50-15.20

I would like to thank all those parents and carers who responded to the consultation and gave feedback. **Please note that from September there is also an addition to our uniform policy whereby 'nail polish, false/acrylic nails/nail extensions are not allowed.'** This change will be explained to students during assemblies before the end of term.

The summer term is always heavily focused around examinations. Staff have been very impressed by the way Year 11, 12 and 13 students approached their final examinations and we are hoping for some much deserved positive results. Students in Years 7, 9 and 10 have also taken internal exams this term and they too have approached them in an exemplary fashion.

External examinations results days are as follows:

**AS/A2 Thursday 17 August; GCSE Thursday 24 August.**

As always, there have been numerous extra- curricular and enrichment activities; for a full overview please see the summer term edition of Vale Views. Of particular note was the summer music concert where students' performances were truly outstanding; we wish our musicians every success in their forthcoming tour of Germany during the first week of the holidays. Sports Day this year was held at Quibell Park owing to our ongoing building works. Again there were some excellent individual and team performances with Pankhurst House the overall winners. Well done to all those who participated and thank you to parents/ carers who came along to spectate and support. The Sixth Form Leavers' Ball was held this year at Scunthorpe Rugby Club, with Year 11 Prom being held at Hemswell Court; both were lovely evenings where again students' behaviour was exemplary.

Sadly, at the end of term we say goodbye to a number of staff. Mr Rutt, Mrs Bateson, Mr Hoare and Mrs Bayne are all taking up new teaching posts. Mrs Boyle is moving on to new pastures and Mrs Harvey is retiring after an incredible 17 years' service to the academy. I would like to thank them all for the contributions they have made to The Vale and we send them our best wishes for the future.

Finally, I would like to remind you that term ends at **15.20 on Monday 24 July** and the academy re-opens for students at **8.45 on Tuesday 5 September**.

I wish all students, staff, governors, parents and carers a safe and restful summer break. I look forward to seeing Year 11, 12 and 13 students and their parents/ carers on results days and will see everyone else, including our new Year 7 students, in September.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes

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**Principal**