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Dear Year 9,

I am writing to you at the end of a very challenging and different school year for us all. I wanted to let you know how proud I am of all of you for the way that you have responded to the difficulties that have faced us this year.

Firstly I would like to congratulate you on the stark improvement in your engagement for learning that we saw during terms 3 and 4, it was so pleasing for me to come into your lessons and see so many of you working so hard and making excellent progress.

I have also been impressed with the way that you have adapted to working from home during the lockdown. This has been an incredibly challenging time for us all but many of you have kept up with all the work that has been set, this is so important to ensure that you are in the best possible position to achieve when we return to school in September.

I would also like to give a special mention to our Year 9 netball team who won the team of the year award at the school sports awards, well done girls!

Uniform reminder

When you return to school it is imperative that your uniform is perfect.

You must have:

- A school blazer
- A white collared shirt
- An Oxford Academy tie
- Plain black leather shoes (no trainers, boots, sandals, canvas shoes or high heels)
- Black trousers or skirts (no trousers should be tight fitting at the ankle or have rivets around pockets).

Students must not wear expensive jewellery. One ring only is permitted. Necklaces and chains must be kept to the minimum. One small plain sleeper or one set of stud earrings are permitted in the ear (1 earring in each ear). Facial or nose studs and body piercings are not allowed.

Hairstyles must be appropriate for Academy life, ie no shaved design. This includes un-natural colours and shaved areas as well as the whole head. Coloured nail polish, false nails and excessive make-up including false eyelashes are not permitted.

Equipment

To prevent sharing of equipment, and enforce that staff are not issue equipment, it is really important that students bring a pencil case to school containing the following:

- Pencil case
- Two black or blue pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- A second coloured pen (any colour but green or red suggested)
- Scientific calculator

It would also be useful for pupils to have the following:

- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighters (two or more colours)

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you get some time over the summer break to relax and enjoy the good weather (fingers crossed!)

I look forward to seeing you all again soon

Best wishes and take care,

Mr Peterson

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Head of Year 9