



Heathfield School Ascot

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Dear Parents

Another term draws to a close and we can look back on the last three months with great satisfaction. Your daughters have once again done us all proud with their academic achievements, sporting successes, thrilling music and drama performances and selfless fundraising for a wide range of very worthy causes.

For girls in the upper school, time spent on serious revision and study over this Easter holiday is absolutely crucial for their success in the forthcoming summer examinations, which will be upon us all too soon. As always, we strive for a healthy balance between important extra study and relaxing down-time, and the staff will be keeping a close eye on the girls to ensure they are getting the balance right. We recognise that this is a pressured time for your daughters and, as always, my staff will be doing all they can to offer them maximum support.

Part of that support took the form of the recent 'Ace Your Exams' talks; the feedback from the girls so far has been enormously positive and they are already employing some of the techniques as they revise. Once the girls have put in their serious revision, I look forward to some superb results in the forthcoming examinations!

Sadly, at the end of next term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Susan Ingram, our Head of Sixth Form, who is taking early retirement after 25 years at Heathfield. Nearer the time we can thank her properly, but for now I will just say that she will be sorely missed; she has been an invaluable support to your daughters, as well as to me personally. To our loss, the call of the golf course was just too strong for Susan to resist any longer! Mr Jeremy Hart will be our new Director of Sixth Form from September. A History teacher, he has worked at Benenden previously and joins us from Queen Margaret's York, bringing a wealth of Sixth Form experience.

Summer Cubitt's parents would like to thank all our parents and girls for the incredible support you have shown Summer and her family over recent months. Summer has come through the first stage of her treatment extremely positively, which is wonderfully encouraging. However, we must remember that this is a marathon, not a sprint, and there is a long road ahead before Summer's treatment is complete. I know you will continue to remember her and her family in your prayers. In true Heathfield style, your daughters have come up with various ways of raising funds for the hospital where Summer is being treated, one of which is 'A Summer's Day at Heathfield' on 22 June. You will already have received a communication about this; I very much hope to see many of you there for a lovely day of family fun.

I wish you all a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you and your daughters next term.

With best wishes

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