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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all of you for the support that you have given to our community over the past term, and, indeed, year. It has been a time where we have had to make quick decisions to ensure the safety of both students and staff, the flexibility and adaptability of everyone has been second to none.

Despite everything much has been achieved this term and we are going to celebrate the numerous achievements and accolades of students in our assemblies when we return in January.

As you saw from her letter earlier this week, our long serving CEO Judy Rider is retiring. Over the many years Judy has been an inspiration to staff and students in Medway, driving education forward to transform the life choices and opportunities for generations of students and families. Her legacy at the University of Kent Academies Trust runs throughout all that we do, we wish her well.

I shall be pleased to see the back of 2020, as I am sure you will. I do think that the difficulties that we have had have taught us many new skills and going forward, I am sure that the different ways of working and teaching will be incorporated within different elements of the academy.

I know that we will still see difficulties in the first months of 2021 and we are refining further health and safety measures over the holidays. However, as time marches on, I hope we will begin to return to a sense of normality and I am looking forward to students being able to access the whole site, staff teach in their own rooms and the first trips leaving the academy.

Term 3 Events:

- Term 3 begins for students on Tuesday 5th January
- Year 11 parent/carer evening on Thursday 11th January
- Year 12/13 parent/carer evening on Thursday 21st January
- Year 9 options event on Thursday 4th February
- Year 9 parent/carer evening on Thursday 11th February

(All of the parent/carer events will be virtual, details to follow in January).







Lastly, I would like to thank all the staff at CG wholeheartedly for the commitment that they have shown throughout the past terms. All have been exemplary, going the extra mile to support students, to ensure they are cared for, kept safe and provided with the best life and learning opportunities.

I do hope you all have a very merry Christmas and again, thank you for your words of encouragement and support over the past term.

With all good wishes,

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Yours sincerely,

Wendy Walters

Principal

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