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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: An Introduction, Vision, and Preparing for September 2026

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to write to you formally to introduce myself as the new Head of School here at St Peter's Collegiate Academy. I officially stepped into the role on 1st June, and my absolute priority over my first month was ensuring our Year 11 and Year 13 students could focus completely on their summer exams with total calm and stability. Because of this, I intentionally held off on sending any major updates until those milestones had safely concluded. Now that the exam season is wrapped up, I am absolutely thrilled to connect with our wider school community.

While I am new to the Head of School role, I am certainly not a new face at St Peter's. Having served on our Senior Leadership Team here for the past three years, I already know this wonderful school, our fantastic staff, and your brilliant children exceptionally well. This history has only deepened my commitment to our community and solidified my vision for our future, which is rooted in a single, powerful word: Honour.

As a proud Church of England academy, our vision is built upon our core values of Respect, Service, and Aspiration. While our Christian ethos guides our distinct character, we are a deeply inclusive school that warmly welcomes families of all faiths and denominations as these values belong to absolutely everyone and unite us as one family. My ultimate drive is to improve the life chances of every single student who walks through our doors, ensuring they are not only academically successful but are also supported, nurtured, and challenged to flourish into confident, well-rounded young adults.

To achieve this, we will continue to hold high expectations regarding uniform, attendance, punctuality, and classroom conduct as we commence the new academic year. When we master these daily details together, we create a calm, respectful, and safe space where every single student can succeed without disruption. Please note that Mr Bradnick-Thompson will be communicating our specific uniform and mobile phone expectations to you shortly, giving you and your child clarity on these standards ahead of the summer break.

We are incredibly fortunate to have moved into an amazing, state-of-the-art new facility. However, I am very conscious that due to the nature of the transition, many

of our parents have not had the opportunity yet to see inside or experience this wonderful new building. I am extremely eager to change this, and we will be hosting dedicated community open events early in the new academic year so that you can witness firsthand the fantastic spaces where your children learn and thrive.

To enhance our academy community further, I am deeply committed to strengthening the bridge between home, school, and our local community. A vital part of this will be improving our two-way communication, making sure that we are actively listening to our families and working in true partnership with you. Alongside our regular updates, we will be circulating our termly newsletter next week celebrating the wonderful achievements and successes of our students from this term. Moving into the new academic year, we will focus on creating clearer, more collaborative channels of dialogue, enabling us to work together effectively to support your child's academic progress and personal growth.

Whilst the academy building is closed over the summer, our commitment to child safety remains ongoing. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a young person over the holiday period, please remember you can access support through the following channels:

- **Emergency Services:** If a child is in immediate danger, please always call **999**.
- **Local Authority:** You can contact your local Children's Social Care Front Door directly on **01902 555392** or **Out of Hours** on **01902 552999**.
- **School Support:** For non-urgent matters, our safeguarding inbox (safeguardingteam@stpetersacademy.org.uk) will be monitored periodically throughout the break.

The academy will operate a staggered return in September to allow year groups to settle back into routines effectively:

Wednesday 2 September: Year 7 and Year 12 return only (Induction Day) at 8.30 am

Thursday 3 September: All year groups return to school at 8.30 am (except Year 12 who return again on Monday 7 September)

As a reminder ahead of the holidays, school will officially finish for the summer break at **12.30 pm on Friday 17 July**.

Finally, as we approach the break, we know the holidays can bring extra costs, so we wanted to highlight the government's new **Great British Summer Savings** scheme running until 1 September. This temporarily cuts VAT from 20% to 5% on children's restaurant meals, family tickets for cinemas, theatres, and attractions, alongside free bus travel in England for children aged 5 to 15 throughout August. You can find full details and how to access these discounts here: <https://summersavings.gov.uk/>

Thank you so much for your continued partnership, trust, and warm support as we enter this exciting new chapter for St Peter's Collegiate Academy together. I wish you and your family a restful, safe, and very happy summer holiday when it arrives.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Lees
Head of School