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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this academic year, the first in the life of Whitmore High School, has been as enjoyable, eventful and successful for your family as it has been for the staff at the school. We have all greatly enjoyed getting to know this new cohort of fantastic pupils, alongside the many established relationships staff had already built up over the years of Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren.

The year seems to have flown by, particularly since Christmas - with the Easter term by necessity seeing the whole school engaged in lots of hard work towards key examinations, especially GCSEs and A-Levels for Years 11-13. Pupils in the lower school have also worked with great commitment and enthusiasm across all subjects, and particularly for their national tests in Literacy and Numeracy.

Please also be aware that school starts back on *Tuesday 3rd September for Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 only*; and *Wednesday 4th September for Years 8, 9 and 10*.

The school has had many successes to celebrate this year, always documented on our Twitter account (@WhitmoreHigh). It's impossible to pick the highest points, but highlights since Easter include the school show 'Oliver!', our science team competing and succeeding in a Cardiff University STEM project, school sports successes both team-based, and individual (including regional and national successes for a number of pupils), fantastic Year 7 charity fundraising and presentations for 'First Give', Duke of Edinburgh Award trips, and lots of active 'pupil voice' through our School Parliament.

Primary pupils in Year 6 also recently visited the school for a 4-day programme of transition events and learning. The school has become a hugely popular choice across Barry and the local area for next year, which is a great testament to the work of the whole school community this year. We go from strength to strength, with the exciting prospect of our 'new build' beginning this summer (for September 2021 opening).

You will be aware that I am leaving Whitmore this summer to take up a headship elsewhere. Whilst I will miss the school and the pupils greatly, I know that Whitmore will continue to move forward under the excellent leadership of Dr Browne and the new Head of School, Mr Innes Robinson.

I wish you and your family the very best for next year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Thompson
Head of School