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Dear Parent / Carers

Re: End of Year Arrangements

School will finish on **Tuesday 27th July at 12.45pm** after lunch. All pupils will return to parent/carer meetings on **Friday 3rd September 2021**.

A number of staff are leaving us at the end of this academic year. I wish Miss Elliott and Mr Barlow and Miss Harris all the best for the future and thank them for their commitment to our school. Furthermore, Mr Lane has retired after a decade of service to our pupils. Thank you, Mr Lane.

I have also decided to take up retirement after 25 years at the academy. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Westbury working alongside our pupils, parents, carers and staff. Mr Morgan, who will be replacing me as the new Principal from September, will write to you over the summer holidays to outline details for the start of the Autumn Term for the 2021/22 academic year.

In the meantime, I wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

Also, I will be sending home a personal message to each of you - enjoy!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus Wells".

M.Wells
Principal



A fond farewell! The end of an era on Tuesday 27th July

I've been here at Westbury for 25 years
To help many pupils face up to their fears
We've had pupils who couldn't read or write
And the idea of schooling was a terrible fright

But with support from you and that of the staff
We've assisted and guided them onto the right path
They've changed from the pupils who were the 'terrors' of their school
Who would often disrupt and try to play the big 'fool'

To young men prepared to face life in its widest sense
With qualification's and knowledge their transformations been immense
So often they become people whom I'd be proud to call 'my son'
As they morph from these 'terrors' to ones with whom you can have fun!

Nothing pleases me more to see old faces appear
Of pupils who 'pop in' to share stories of the 'good times' they had here
But all these times they must come to pass
As I retire with so many memories that will forever last

As I think of you all - parents, pupils and staff in my life
Recent times with Covid have caused so many so much strife
A new time it is dawning as one ends another begins
So rejoice in your life as you dance and you sing!

On the drive I will be on that last final day
As I wave the pupils 'bye' in my own special way
If you would like to chat then I will give you my time
From 12.45 out in the sunshine!
(Or not as the case may be!)
