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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy summer term it has been! The pupils and staff have again had disruptions with Bank Holidays and teachers strike action days interrupting the flow of the term. Thanks to staff, pupils and families for their flexibility and understanding during these interruptions!

Thanks must also go to the staff who are leaving us this summer. Mr Paul Lavin has been teaching Design Technology to classes 1, 2 and 3 this year and we thank him for helping the lads with their creativity and practical skills. Mrs Lynda Parry, our fantastic school cook who has been with us for over 20 years has decided to hang up her apron and enjoy what we hope will be a long, happy and healthy retirement. Thousands of pies, pizzas and potatoes served to hungry lads who will always be grateful for being fed in school. Mr Peter Davies one of our AEP Tutors has decided to retire at the end of September following 4 years of hard work doing 1 to 1 work with our lads in Skills Base. We also wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Our 'Trust Partnership Agreement' (TPA) with All Saints Multi Academy Trust has come to the end of its 12 months tenure. The benefits that the school has received have been seen in processes, curriculum, facilities and financial guidance. At this stage we will not be entering into a longer-term relationship with this MAT due to uncertainty around the future of our current building. We will remain a Local Authority school but will endeavour to informally continue our links with ASMAT.

During the summer term we have launched two projects: ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support and SAFE - Support, Attend, Fulfil, Exceed. Our thanks go to ASMAT for including us in these exciting citywide projects that are benefitting Clifford Holroyde pupils and families.

We continue to wait for news from Dfe School Rebuilding Programme. We have had lots of surveys, but still have no news on plans for refurbishment or rebuild. For details of the programme, see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-rebuilding-programme>. We will engage with a summer holiday programme of repairs and upgrade works at school including urgent work to heating boilers, lighting upgrade, roof repairs, fire alarm update and CCTV upgrades.

Staff have been busy engaging in CPD training including equality, online safety, anti-racism, Operation Encompass, CAMHS and reading training. 'School Improvement Liverpool' and our 'School Improvement Partner' have also been providing lots of guidance, training and CPD for



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staff. This will continue next year as we ensure that staff are fully trained to deliver a high-quality curriculum.

During the summer term, Key Stage 4 pupils have successfully completed external examinations in Entry Level, Functional Skills and GCSE examinations. Pupils showed great determination and resilience as they completed numerous exams. Once completed, we invited our Year 11 boys to their “Graduation Ceremony” in school where we celebrated their years at Clifford Holroyde. Staff and families shared many happy memories, photographs and stories before prizes, awards and certificates were given out. Thank you to all staff, parents and carers who made this event so special for our “Year 11 Graduates”.

Enrichment trips have taken a hit this last term with the disappointing news that our minibus has been out of action. Whilst we had to curtail weekly rewards and rowing trips, we were still able to arrange off site football and were so pleased to welcome back trampolining in the gym. Trampolines were used for PE lessons, enrichment time and as a reward. Classes were treated to an end of year reward trip to either Knowsley Safari Park or the Showcase cinema. We were able to collect our new bikes from <https://hypeurbanbikes.co.uk> but are still waiting for the arrival of safety helmets before we can get class cycling trips underway.

Reading will be a huge focus and focal point next year. Summer reading tests have been completed using an online assessment tool and individual ‘Literacy targets’ have been updated for each pupil. Our Reading strategy is underway and 1 to 1 sessions have already started whilst full class reading lessons will commence in September.

When we return in September, we will welcome Mr Ward who will be delivering Design Technology including an examination group in Year 10. Congratulations to Mr Tagoie who will take up responsibilities as SENCO from September. We have been allocated our 10x new year 7 pupils for September and we welcomed these boys in July for their ‘induction day’. The boys had a great day with us taking their first steps at Clifford Holroyde.

I am really excited about next year with lots of planned learning opportunities organised for our boys including cycling trips, the start of Duke Of Edinburgh, reading lessons, introduction of examination PE & Design Technology and swimming lessons for KS3 boys! Please can you ensure that your son is present every day possible and is dressed in full school uniform.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all the boys and their parents / carers a very happy and safe summer holiday. Let’s do it all again next year!

Yours sincerely,



Mr I Griffiths, Headteacher.

