

17 July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The end of term is fast approaching and I cannot believe how time has flown this year. Once more our students have shown commitment, energy, enthusiasm and a positive attitude to their learning. The majority of students continue to embrace all the opportunities afforded to them in and out of school with exuberance. The school site has been a hive of activity again this year with lots going on and eager, smiling faces are the norm. This is obviously supported by a fabulous team of staff who care passionately about what they do for our students.

As with every year there have been many achievements. Our students have had individual and team successes, adventures abroad and taken part in another major school production. As well as Little Shop of Horrors, there have been concerts, showcases and numerous day trips. Add to this list visits to places of higher education, invited speakers in lessons and links to the world of work within school and you appreciate the richness of the experiences our students enjoy and benefit from as they journey through their time with us. The world of education continues to make news headlines about qualifications, environmental issues and financial challenges for schools to name but a few, but on a day to day basis our focus and continued aim is to offer 'care, quality and opportunity.' We do this primarily through teaching high quality lessons to our students.

The summer term is always bitter sweet; we say goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students - both classes grew into mature, responsible young adults who coped incredibly well with their exams and showed an exceptional attitude and determination. In addition, their Prom Nights were as glitzy and glamorous as any Oscars ceremony! We then said 'hello and welcome' to our eager Year 6 students who had two marvellous Induction Days earlier this month. They were a credit to all their parents and primary schools; we look forward to their arrival in September.

In September we will welcome Miss Libreri (Maths) and Miss McCoubrey (English). We look forward to their contribution to the Castle Rushen High School community. We are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Kamble, Miss Burden and Mrs Warden as they leave us this summer, as well as to Mrs. Scott and Miss Leece. We would like to thank them and wish them well as they move on to new ventures.

Finally, may I thank you, our parents, who have enabled this year to be the success it has been. You, as always, support us in the work we do with your children, with our expectations and with our whole school events and information evenings. The partnership between us is critical in securing the very best outcomes and provision for our young people to thrive and we appreciate it.

I wish you a very enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you again in September. The end of term for students is at the normal time of 3.45pm on Friday 19 July 2019, with all year groups scheduled to return on Wednesday 4th September at 9.00am.

Yours faithfully



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Head Teacher.