

Dear all,

This is the LAST LETTER BEFORE SUMMER!! 😊 😊 So I want to begin by thanking every one of you for all of your contributions to the letters and all of your feedback. I have written to you guys a mighty 22 times!

I have been able to do that because of your brilliant work that you or my colleagues have sent me, your pets pics, your fun and commitment to good stuff during lockdown and your general genius, frankly. I have missed you all so much, but it has been a way for us to stay in touch and stay close, plus it's prompted lots of you to reach out over ePraise and email. Let's not let that good communication and mutual support wither when we get back together in the Autumn – I definitely won't.

So, straight to the work, then – aren't you just incredible, working so hard right up until the end of term? And in these crazy circs, too? I am super proud.

Check out these beautiful words about happiness from Ella – I love the idea that 'Happiness is to dance and sing, Moving and spinning, it's to do your thing.' It's great to read of a really dynamic energetic happiness of that kind.

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Jaide is continuing to impress us all so much with her excellent design work and thorough write ups to support what she makes – this time it's a bird house. Mrs McNab is definitely going to use this super work as an example of design, modelling, development and evaluation work when we are back together!

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Next, it's big congratulations to Anderwood for the lions' top work in winning the interhouse competitions that the House Leaders have been running during the summer term. The challenges have been many and varied, from Maths to PE. Thank you to everyone who's joined in with the fun. By the time you read this letter, you'll also have watched your final assemblies that your House Leaders and I have put together and you'll know, from Mrs Dossett, just how close our House Cup is this term – so let's give every House a big cheer here!



Erin's chocolate cake is making me sooooo hungry – what a talented baker she is:





And another of our Erin's happiness work reminds us of how happy and relaxed our pets make us – lovely to see Pebble and Pepper!



Ben's excellent science revision is just one fantastic part of what he's achieving right now:

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Why is this such a good time for Ben? Well, just before lock down, **Ben was promoted to Under 16 England No 1 at boy's singles badminton and he is half of the No 2 boys' doubles pairing**. He has been awarded a 2-year full Yonex sponsorship package. He has continued to train for at least 3hrs every day despite no access to a sports hall & no full-time school to attend. He is hoping to enter the Danish Cup in December & possibly the Swedish Youth Games. Warmest congratulations to you, Ben, and I am looking forward to hearing how you are getting on when we are back together again in September.

Abby has also impressed Dr Fairless with her thorough work in Physics and I love Sophie's look at our impact on our environment – important stuff:



Kamren has done some top D and T work at home, making this box:





Here's my final choices of Art and Photography, with another big 'well done' shout out to all of you and our superb Art department. Today we've got Carys and Jude, and one piece created by someone whose name I didn't catch (sorry!) but it references Star Wars and looks superb so in it came:



I will definitely put more of you guys' work from the end of this term in to my first September letter to get us all back into the swing of things!



And Robbie's done it again, sending me his Week 14 work (he's not missed one week) - it was good talking



to you last week, Robbie, and hearing your **ideas about how to keep the school safe for you all when we come back in September in our year group bubbles**. He wanted us to make things really clear about how the canteen food will work, and where everyone will queue. I can reassure you all that we are planning very carefully where each year group will access food, where they will eat it and at what times.

We have also planned where and at what time you will access and leave the site, again by year group, all of which is in line with the Government guidance we must follow.

We know that lots of you live with brothers and sisters in other year groups of course, but we need to do our bit to limit mixing of ages in line with what is currently considered to be the safest way for communities to open up for schools to return in full from

September.

So, each year group will work in a separate 'zone' of our school, and teachers will come to you rather than you going everywhere. We are working hard to ensure that we limit the impact of this on your learning, by selecting the rooms really carefully, and leaving some of our more specialist rooms out of the zones that you can go in to by rotation.

We will publish all the details to you towards the end of the summer – check out your parents'/carers' letter that they had Monday 13th July with the date you will start back to school as it's different for every year group so we've got time to get used to all the arrangements with one or two year groups at a time.

There's also a temporary tweak to our uniform policy – you can choose to wear the Noadswood blazer OR the Noadswood, black V neck jumper with the badge from September and until further notice. This is to save on cost for families and in case you and your parents/carers would rather have the jumper than the blazer right now in terms of needing to wash clothes more often than usual from a keeping safe point of view.

Finally, for this letter, I want to give a shout out to a couple of support services that have written to me this week about what they offer you. The first one is Breakout Youth:

Breakout Youth is a service for young people that is open over the summer holidays (and beyond). They offer a confidential support service for young people aged 11 to 21, who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or unsure of their sexuality or gender identity. Young people who identify as LGBTQ+ or are unsure, often feel isolated and alone with their sexuality or gender identity. At Breakout Youth, you will find a group of likeminded young people that you can socialise with safely. You'll also find help with feelings of isolation. We run confidential virtual youth groups in the Marchwood area.



If you would like more information you can visit our website- breakoutyouth.org.uk, call 023 8022 4224 or email us at <u>hello@breakoutyouth.org.uk</u>.

The second one is from the **School Nursing Team** who have produced a bulletin for you guys (click here).

It is full of info about the services they offer as well as advice for you. **Don't forget, over the summer, our own Wellbeing Portal on Frog** is packed full of advice, guidance, support and clips about a range of issues or feelings you might be experiencing right now – take a look. You're not on your own over the break. Remember to reach out to a parent or a friend or other family member if you're struggling, or you can reach out to one of the organisations you'll find on our portal. Many of them have a free number you can call and loads of resources right there on their websites. If you need me, you can email <u>headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk</u> and I will be checking in every week.

This is it then, lads and lasses, we're at the end of term – enjoy your summer, keep safe, stay well, take the advice that's out there about looking after yourselves (how ever annoying you find it!) because it's there to make sure our community stays open and things can be as close to normal as possible.

In it together with you, like I have been since March, and can't wait to see you all in September,

Miss M 😊