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Dear families,

I wanted to write to you to thank you for all your work, efforts and support over the last year. As you may have seen in the recent article on the MK Citizen, or Facebook posts by the city's Mayor, Councillor James Lancaster, our school is now a good environment where good things happen. You are all a driving factor in that, of which our students are by far the most important.

This year there have been multiple highlights where we have come together to show what we do as a community. Thank you to those of you who attended the Food Festival on Diversity Day, the vast majority of you who attended parents' evenings, and students who've taken part in events run by local businesses and organisations including international companies such as Red Bull Racing and Deloitte. Our newsletter will be published shortly which will highlight key information and showcase some of the great things our students have achieved this year.

School returns for new Year 7 students on Wednesday 3rd September. All other year groups return at 8:35am on Thursday 4th September. I am really confident that next year will signify our continued journey from "Good to Great". Could I please ask that all students are here on time and ready to learn on the 4th. Those first 2 days are crucial in getting the year off to a good start, making sure everybody has met their new teachers and set our expectations of each other. Curriculum lessons will start at period 2 on the 4th.

I would like to take an opportunity to thank some members of staff who are moving to new challenges over the summer, we wish them all the best. Ms Da Silva has supported our SEND team and has worked tirelessly to help the students in her care. Ms Griffin has worked as part of our Safeguarding and Pastoral teams, and those students who have worked with her personally will know how significant a hole she leaves. Ms Pagnee has made a massive contribution to the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department and has been



an inspiration to our students. Mr Whitmore has been a great Head of Year and his year team will really miss him. Mrs Joy-Lender is also taking on new challenges; her work with the Year 11s has driven student voice to new levels which we will continue to meet next academic year. Finally, Mr Lancaster has taught and supported students in this community for 20 years. Mr Lancaster is one of the most generous, kind-hearted and decent members of staff it has been my pleasure to work with. Whilst he is retiring from his teaching role, we will still be using his experience from time to time. All these members of staff have contributed to life at MKA this year and will be missed.

I'd like to finish by thanking you all for your support. I'd like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you next year

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Farquhar', written in a cursive style.

Gordon Farquhar
Principal