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## Dear Parents/Carers

As I prepare to bid farewell to Verulam School, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to you for your support during my tenure as Headteacher here. Taking over the school post-Covid, meant there was a great deal to do, systems that needed to be implemented, teaching and curriculum revisions to be made, as well as revisiting standards to ensure that students were acclimatised back into the post-pandemic classroom.

I am proud of the significant developments at the school over the past two and a half year's; the curriculum design, which now enables students to have greater choice at both GCSE and A Level/BTEC; the site improvements both at the school and at Sandpit Lane; the extensive provision for developing Personal Development; the increase in the achievement seeing Progress 8 rise to +0.34 (above the National Average for non-selective boys' schools) and the extensive work that has taken place to make Verulam a school for all types of boys, where they are known and loved.

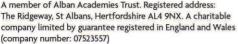
As I transition to my new role as Principal of Goffs-Churchgate Academy, I carry with me the lessons and values instilled in me during my time at Verulam. The dedication to nurturing young minds, fostering a culture of excellence, and creating a supportive learning environment are principles that I hold dear, and I'm committed to upholding them in my new capacity.

I am immensely proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together at Verulam School. The relationships forged, the milestones reached, and the memories created will always hold a special place in my heart. While I may be moving on to new horizons, the impact of Verulam School will forever remain a part of who I am.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff that have been loyal, supportive and totally committed to the school and students. Our students are an absolute inspiration and never fail to impress us with their efforts and unique identities.

As the Easter break approaches, I hope that you get to spend valuable time with your family and that your child returns for the summer term, re-energised for the remainder of the academic year. I pass the honour of being the Headteacher of Verulam School to Mr Moane and I know that the school















will continue to go from strength to strength. I wish him and all members of the school community every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Richardson

Headteacher









