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Dear Parent/Carer

As we arrive at the end of the academic year, I just wanted to send a brief letter to you all to celebrate all of the successes that have taken place this academic year. In a year of significant change and rapid school improvement, it has been fantastic to have the support of so many parents and carers, as well as the staff and students of Barnwood Park. Our events have seen the highest number of parents and carers engaging and the feedback from the recent parent/carers survey was excellent. I personally want to thank you for all of the support that you have given the staff at the school in order to embrace the changes.

The significant improvement in behaviour has allowed students to engage better with their lessons which is evidenced by the significant improvement in the results of the recent end of year assessments. Next year will see the house system relaunched which will see house points back. These will be able to be exchanged for rewards and trips. More clubs and wider student experiences will also be a key feature of the next academic year, as well as continued work on the elements of school life that have been started this year, plus a focus on curriculum development.

It has been a genuine pleasure to get to know Barnwood Park and I will remain in post as Associate Assistant Director for Greenshaw Learning Trust. This will allow me to line manage Barnwood Park and continue to be involved in its journey. Mr Preston will be joining as Headteacher from September 2025. He has spent several days, over the last few weeks, getting to meet the students and staff and he is thrilled to be joining Barnwood Park at a really exciting stage of its journey.

Thank you again and I wish you all a great summer break.

Yours faithfully,

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