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Dear Parent/Carer

September and Beyond – Aiming for a Whole New Level

Thank you for your feedback on the summer school plans; you have helped to make a good thing even better.

I want to underline again our commitment to **working with you as parents**. As a father of two I know parenting is challenging at the best of times and when times are tough it can feel overwhelming. Home schooling has been exceptionally hard for different people at different times. Please remember that we never expect perfection, and nor can we offer it as a school; instead we want to work together to do our very best for your children - as is the Hazeley way.

One of the best things about our community is the thirst for improvement. I wanted to use the rest of this correspondence to give you the headline areas that we will be developing in the year ahead. Much of it can happen because of our partnership with Shenley Brook End School, as part of the 5 Dimensions Trust. As always please drop me, or the relevant member of staff, an email if you have any questions or comments.

Delivering Engaging Lessons and Growing Powerful Learners (Magenta and Metacognition) – we plan to embed further our model for teaching and learning which is based on the Magenta Principles. Put simply we will make lessons even more active and engaging. Linked to this we will develop the ability of all students to plan, monitor and assess their own learning - this is known as metacognition, a skill that really does unlock their learning potential. This will be led by Mrs Williamson.

Harnessing the Power of IT – Staff and students (and we hope you as parents too) are going to build on the lessons learnt over the partial closure, by developing the use of Microsoft Teams and other home learning strategies. By doing this not only will we be in a very strong position if we experience a second wave of COVID-19, we will also be able to learn and connect more effectively even if we don't. This will be led by Mr Livesey and Miss Thistlewood.

Creating Connections in the Curriculum – We will make the curriculum come to life by helping students make connections across a range of subjects, and beyond, through our Connective Learning Projects. This is being led by Mr Whitney.

Growing Community Cohesion – We will ensure that our students grow through taking part in, and volunteering to support, activities in our school and wider community. Of course, this does not only benefit our own students, it also connects our community.

Some of the example projects include:

- setting up a youth club with Truth for Youth
- creating a cadet detachment
- founding a netball academy with MK Netters
- fostering closer links with MK Basketball Club and Tattenhoe FC
- supporting all students to complete their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award
- liaising with the police to help create a safer community
- working with our students to identify and remove barriers to equality
- increasing the number of sporting, cultural and volunteering activities available to our students, including trips (COVID-19 permitting)

Coupled with the above we are planning for a range of return scenarios, from a traditional return, to full home learning model and everything in between. And of course, we are aiming to adapt everything to meet the individual needs of our students.

None of these things will be easy, but we do not grow a vibrant community of exceptional people by taking the easy path; and with your support, and of course the commitment of your children, this will all be possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr Nelson
Principal