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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a vibrant and successful few weeks at Theale Green School. Our students have embraced every opportunity available to them, and it has been a joy to celebrate their achievements across all year groups.

Powerful Community

This term has been rich with experiences that extend learning far beyond the classroom. Students have enjoyed memorable trips, including visits to Windsor Castle and the Cotswold Wildlife Park, as well as further opportunities through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We held our annual Pensioner's Tea Party, organised by our sixth formers, with food provided by our year 10 Hospitality & Catering students. During our recent Parent Partnership Group meeting, we discussed just how transformative these experiences are for young people— not only do they build knowledge, but they strengthen the key attributes we value deeply: confidence, resilience, awareness, enterprising spirit, and professionalism. These qualities underpin everything we want for our students as they grow into well-rounded, capable young adults.

We have also celebrated important moments within school. Our Year 7 Awards Evening highlighted the exceptional start our youngest students have made during their time at Theale Green School, and our celebration assemblies recognised students across the school who have demonstrated our values through their hard work, progress, and contributions to the community.

Last night's Spring Music Concert was a joy to watch, featuring an impressive range of talent and truly high-quality performances from students across multiple year groups. It was wonderful to see so many young people share their musicality and confidence on and off stage, my sincere congratulations to everyone involved.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have also worked extremely hard this term and have greatly appreciated the opportunity to reflect on their progress following their recent mock examinations. These reflections have helped them recognise their strengths, identify next steps, and approach the upcoming exam season with increased clarity and confidence. This afternoon I attended the Year 11 mock results assembly, and it was a moment of pride, reflection and constructive next steps. I am delighted that as a year group they are on track to achieve a very strong set of results that they should be rightly proud of.

This term we have also welcomed Jo Harper, ALET CEO and other colleagues from across the Trust as part of a series of thematic reviews. Their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Jo Harper highlighted the remarkable transformation of Theale Green School over the past three years, praising our strong culture of inclusion, our calm, purposeful learning environment, and the equitable, adaptive classroom practice seen across the curriculum. She noted the strength of our literacy-led approach, our well-embedded systems for supporting SEND and disadvantaged learners, and the positive relationships that underpin our work with families. Jo Harper also commented on the high levels of engagement and ambition among our students, recognising the inclusive nature of our enrichment and leadership opportunities, and the significant improvements in attendance, behaviour and outcomes. She described TGS as **"a school where every student**



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is known, supported and able to thrive,” which is wonderful external affirmation of the journey our community continues to make.

Quality of Education

We are approaching the end of the two-year SSAT training for all classroom teachers. This programme was put in place to improve the quality of learning in the classroom. There is clear evidence through the learning walks that I and other staff regularly undertake, that this is now embedded in our culture, and students’ learning experience is improved as a result. We are fortunate that due to our high retention of staff, the whole staff body have committed to, and benefitted from this investment to enable them to perform at their best.

Uniform

I would like to thank families for their ongoing support with uniform. Students are looking incredibly smart, and this continues to make a strong impression both within school and in the local community. As we move into the warmer months, a reminder that summer uniform expectations apply from the start of term five students may wear tailored shorts, and we encourage all students to maintain the high standard of presentation we have seen this year. Heads of Year will be writing to their families at the beginning of next term, with useful reminders as well as further adaptations we will be making for uniform for term six as the temperatures will inevitably continue to rise. They will also share key dates and expectations to support a smooth start to the term.

Leadership Opportunities

One of the strengths of our school community is the growing number of leadership pathways available to students. We are very much looking forward to beginning the process of recruiting our new Year 7 Student Ambassadors, and I know they will be excellent additions to the team.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to learn more about our incoming Year 7 cohort, who will join us in September. There will be many opportunities for our current students to play a role in welcoming them: our Student Ambassadors will visit their former primary schools, and we will be recruiting Year 7 Buddies to help ensure our new students feel a strong sense of belonging from their very first days with us.

Our Year 10 Senior Ambassadors are also working on an exciting new project: a video podcast – *Voices of Theale, created by students, for the community*. This will showcase life at TGS and highlight student leadership in action — so do watch this space.

Looking Ahead

I am also delighted to share that Mr Jeffreys will be stepping into the role of Head of Year 8. I know he will bring continuity, strong guidance, and high expectations to support the year group as they move forward. Mrs Fraser will be relocating to Wales, and we wish her every success in this next adventure. We also send our best wishes to Ms Crowley as she begins her maternity leave. In the coming days, Mr Bullock will be in touch with families to outline the arrangements moving forward, particularly where there may be changes linked to these staff updates.

As always, the summer term brings many exciting events and opportunities for students, and we look forward to sharing these with you in due course.

Thank you for your ongoing support this term. It is a privilege to work in partnership with our families, and we remain, as ever, a Listening School. If you need to get in touch, please do contact us directly via our website.

With best wishes

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