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Dear Parents

Unbelievably my first year at Westfield has come to an end! It gives me great pleasure to reflect on how much I have enjoyed this year and getting to know you and your daughters. Those of you who were present at this year's Prize Giving Ceremony will have heard about the great achievements at Westfield this year, testament that Westfield is going from strength to strength. It has been lovely to talk to so many prospective parents and girls, 20 of whom have joined us through the year, and to hear about how they hear about us through you. For those positive messages I thank you all.

What a fabulous term we have had, inevitably dominated in Senior House by external examinations, with some wonderful highlights enjoyed throughout the school: Westfield Day, Creative Arts Soirée, 'Spy School', Enrichment Week, Sports Days, Teddy Bears' Picnics, Prize Giving and the Summer Gala!

It was good to see so many of you at our superb A Level and GCSE art exhibition earlier this term. The standard of Art and Design here seems to get higher every year and we anticipate some excellent results in the summer.

As ever, music has had a high profile in school this year, with some wonderful performances in "Bugsy" and "Joseph", at our Musical Soirée and Prize Giving. It was particularly good to be able to showcase the choir that sang at Mrs Smallman-King's wedding. We really do have some amazingly talented girls here.

It has been wonderful seeing how much all the girls have got out of Enrichment Week. In their presentations on Thursday morning each House reflected on the Round Square Discovery framework and how the activities, from visiting local businesses, problem solving with the RAF Disaster Relief team, service activities at local special schools or working to bring the Red Box Project to Westfield all contributed to building rounded, contributory citizens of the future.

I must thank the Westfield PTA for yet another successful year. Under Richard Jeffrey's leadership the enthusiastic and energetic team has held the annual Bonfire Party, Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night, and the Summer Gala. What a fantastic night we had on Saturday. I should also especially like to thank Julie Mohon who is standing down as secretary of the PTA. Julie has been involved in the Westfield PTA for many years and her good humour and incredible organisation skills have been invaluable. We will miss her!

The Autumn Term begins on Wednesday 5 September and you will receive the Junior and Senior calendars after about a week. In the meantime, here are some key dates you may wish to plan for:

7 September	KS1 and KS2 visits to the Great North Exhibition
10 September	Junior House Curriculum Meeting, Westfield PTA Meeting, Car Pool Event
14 September	Prince Alexander Fund Fundraising Day (non-uniform)
19-21 September	Upper Three residential at Broomley Grange

21 September	Forest School event for Upper Two and Lower Three with NSB
22-24 September	Lower Four residential at Wingate in County Durham
24 September	Upper Five/Sixth Form Parents' Evening
28 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Westfield PTA Quiz Evening
28-1 October	Upper Four residential at High Borrans
13 October	Open Day
18 October	Junior House Parents' Evening
5 November	Westfield PTA Bonfire Party
8 November	Lower Four Parents' Evening
9 November	Lower Three Taster Day in Senior House
13 November	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Bedtime Story Event
15 November	Sixth Form Information Evening for Upper Five Parents
27 November	Lower Five Parents' Evening
4 December	Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Theatre Visit
5 December	Early Years Christmas Theatre Visit
14 December	Junior House Nativity
18 December	Carol Service
19 December	Term Ends

Finally, I wish you all very happy holidays with your families and let us hope the sun keeps on shining!

Yours sincerely



Mr Neil Walker