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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to inform you of my return as Principal of The Ellis Guilford School. I am delighted to return, but primarily wish to thank Ms. Aris for overseeing the school in my absence.

It was excellent to see all our pupils again, and I look forward to continuing leading the school on its journey.

The examination season is now well under way, and I want to congratulate Y11 on their exemplary conduct during all their examinations. I know over recent months pupils have been working extremely hard in lessons. I also want to acknowledge the teaching staff for going the extra mile to support and prepare them for the most important few weeks in their school career.

As we begin a new half term, we need to need ensure all pupils in all years continue their own journey of learning. Like all of us, they need to be prepared and equipped. Over the last two days, a number of pupils have been loaned equipment and uniform and therefore I want to send a reminder of the 'basics' needed for all pupils:

Pupils should arrive in full, correct uniform including a tie

Pupils should have a school bag, including a pencil case with equipment

Pupils should have a knowledge organiser. The knowledge organiser is used in lessons to help with learning and understanding of subjects.

Pupils need to complete homework tasks using their Chromebook.

These are the 'non negotiables' of school.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and pupils who come to school each and every morning ready for school.



I'd be grateful if you would ensure your child is prepared for their day at school to avoid any challenging conversations. We need the challenges to be focussed on learning and pupils making at least good progress in lessons, especially important because pupils will be preparing for end of year examinations.

On other matters, you can expect our termly Newsletter this half term, as well as a two-week careers and world of work experience for all pupils in year 10 from July 4^{th} - 14^{th} . More details to follow.

Additionally, a Rewards event, a Year 11 prom and a rewards trip to Alton Towers will be a great way to round the year off before the holidays.

Thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chris Keen

Principal