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Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, I wanted to update you on developments for the next academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Principal here at Park House and there have been many highlights. The yearbook will give you a good overview of the myriad of activities that have taken place and it has been wonderful to see the day-to-day dynamics of the school throughout the year. Our pupils are hardworking, polite, kind and considerate and it is a great pleasure to witness this, every day.

As part of our commitment to improving the learning environment for our pupils, we will have a number of enhancement projects underway during the summer holidays, as follows:

- a brand new, bespoke playground for our Early Years area;
- shading in both the Primary and Secondary School outside areas to offer sun protection for our pupils;
- complete refurbishment of both the Primary and Secondary School libraries;
- two classrooms in the Secondary School will be refurbished to create new science laboratories;
- a newly designed Sixth Form Centre, with study area, for our A-Level pupils;
- a new space for Art and a further space that will allow us to introduce Design Technology in future years;
- floodlighting and a cooling system for our outdoor court;
- a completely re-designed reception area;
- an internal extension to our Auditorium to allow us to develop our Performing Arts offering.

In addition to this, QSports will no longer be working with the school to provide the ECA programme. I am pleased to announce that we have agreed a partnership with Evolution Sports, Qatar which will start in September. We are delighted to tell you that Evolution Sports will be offering the following:

- a comprehensive paid ECA programme from 2.45 p.m. onwards with a crèche facility for pupils waiting for these activities after school finishes;
- a development programme in a variety of sports open to Park House pupils and the wider community in the evenings and weekends;
- up to three holiday camps per year on school premises during the school's term breaks;
- classes for adults.

A significant proportion of our pupils attend the various evening and weekend development programmes offered by Evolution Sports at other schools. They have a great reputation as a professionally run organisation who offer high quality programmes. Our own after school ECA programme will continue next year and we are reviewing this to ensure it is offering the right kinds of opportunities for pupils.

At this time of year, it is always sad to say goodbye to members of staff who will be leaving the school. In particular, I would like to offer my thanks to Mr. Braben who is leaving the school after 11 years. Mr. Braben will be leaving the school safe in the knowledge that he has guided many cohorts of pupils throughout his years at Park House, helping them to achieve their hopes and dreams under his leadership. I would like to wish all our departing members of staff the very best wishes in their future endeavours.

We also say goodbye to a number of our pupils and parents as well. They may be returning home, travelling to a new country, or in the case of our Year 13 pupils, starting the next stage of their educational journey at colleges and universities. It has been a great pleasure to play a part in this and we wish you all the very best.

Finally, next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Park House English School. We will be marking this significant milestone with a number of different events and will send out further details at the beginning of the next academic year.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and happy summer, wherever you are, and look forward to welcoming you back at the end of August for the start of the new school year.

Yours sincerely,



John Smith  
Principal

