



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy term at Kite Ridge, with trips out, lovely sunny weather for outdoor activities, as well as continuing to embed the new Equals Curriculum. The main change has been our weekly trips to Thomley, which most students have been able to access and enjoy. We are hoping to continue with that, or similar, next year as it has been such a success. Whilst there the students have been able to have more freedom to explore, use their communication and life skills to choose and order food and drink, decide which activities to engage in, as well as opportunities for meeting new people.

You will have all received an annual report which details all the excellent achievements students have made, and some of you were able to attend our music afternoon last week to see them engaging in activities here. We hope to be able to offer more of these opportunities next year so please look out for email communications around that.

We are busy planning our curriculum for next year, with more opportunities for practical activities and community visits to look forward to.

It is always a sad time when we say goodbye to students who are moving on, but it is great to reflect on how much they have achieved and grown at Kite Ridge. We wish our leavers lots of luck in the future and hope they will take a piece of Kite Ridge in their hearts wherever they go.

As with all cycles of change, as we say our goodbyes we prepare to welcome new students in September. We look forward to getting to know them and welcoming them as part of our school community.

Staff news

Sadly, Tej is leaving us at the end of term. Tej has been a Learning Mentor at Kite Ridge for just over two years and has proven herself as an invaluable member of our school community. Tej has worked tirelessly with our students, as a Staff Governor and unofficial lead of the staff social committee! Tej is taking on a new role in another school within Buckinghamshire and we wish her lots of luck with this exciting opportunity.

For those families that use the respite provision at The Vines, you will be aware that Linda is retiring. Linda has been at The Vines for 10 years and has been a constant for the young people there. As a school we have enjoyed working with Linda; her dedication to improving the lives of those that use the service and her collaborative approach will be missed. We wish Linda a happy and restful retirement.

Dates for your diary

School closes to students for the summer break on Tuesday 22nd July. We will welcome students back to school on Thursday 4th September. Whilst we will liaise with taxis regarding dates, we ask that families do the same to mitigate the chance of confusion.

A reminder that our term dates for the next two academic years can be found on our website.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

With best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Head Teacher