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# ROYAL ALEXANDRA & ALBERT SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the Summer Term comes to an end, I wanted to share my thoughts on the year and to wish you all very happy and relaxing summer.

I mentioned in my letter before Christmas how fortunate and privileged I felt in joining such a warm, vibrant and forward thinking School. Throughout this year, I have been delighted to watch your children develop in so many ways. They have continued to demonstrate perseverance, resilience and kindness in their lives. I feel proud when reading the pupil comments on their reports. Many of them have commented on how they feel they have grown academically as well as emotionally and socially. The staff have watched new friendships form and students take the opportunity to try something new. Life continues to feel very worthwhile and purposeful at RAAS and I am proud to serve such a well-grounded school community.

Looking back over the year, it has been full of participation, involvement and achievement. Under the leadership of our PE/Sport coordinator, Mr Mitsis, I have been proud to see the variety of different sports, events and activities we have participated in. The children experienced some great results in their Netball, Football and Cricket fixtures and we enjoyed seeing both Hockey and Rugby being played competitively. As a school, we enjoyed a wonderfully inclusive Sports Day where we saw some very competitive races. Our boys and girls competed at the District Athletics in the final week of term and for the first time, we were crowned District Champions!

Junior swimming has gone from strength to strength and I would like to personally thank Mrs Hinton and Miss Cogger for their excellent teaching. The progress that our children have made since the Autumn Term has been tremendous.

The number of children involved in music this year has grown: I would like to thank Mr Edney our Director of Music for being so inspiring. It has been wonderful to see the inclusion of a number of new initiatives this year, which has allowed us to see wonderful musical potential we have here at RAAS.

One of the aspects of school life which makes us such a special school is our co-curricular activity programme. I often spend my afternoons walking around campus, experiencing the excitement of the students as they participate in the vast range of clubs and activities. These are wonderful opportunities for the children to interact with the whole school community, whilst trying something new and learning new skills.

I would like to thank the teachers, boarding staff and all members of our school community for the enthusiasm and hard work they have put in this academic year.

I look forward to welcoming pupils back to on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for the first day of the new school year.

With my best wishes,

**Mr Shaun Greenwood, Head of Junior School**