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Dear Parents and Carers

As the Governors wish you well for the Summer break, I am writing to let you know as much as we can before the students return in September.

We know you are waiting for news about what is happening re United Learning. Whilst we are awaiting a positive decision, we are working to re shape some aspects of the school so it is in line with United Learning ways of working. Some examples of this are a consistent approach to behaviour management and some changes to the subjects offered as part of the curriculum. Parents of Year 8's moving to Year 9 will already know that the Department for Education has recommended returning to a 2 year Key Stage 4, which we have adopted for next year.

We know that United Learning have said they are looking forward to working with us and as soon as we have further information, even if it is in the school holidays, we will post it on the school website. Please keep an eye open for this while you are enjoying the Summer break.

Ms Foley is no longer employed by Salford Academy Trust at Irlam & Cadishead College. Ms Toni Holdsworth continues as interim Head and we know a number of you have taken the opportunity to get to know her. Should the re-brokerage go ahead with United Learning, an Executive Head may be placed with the College. An Executive Head will be responsible for a number of schools as well as a local Head. Toni Holdsworth is leading work on the College improvement journey and preparing for this through establishing the new school year's timetable, making clear what the school standards on behaviour and uniform are, alongside focusing on the Quality of Teaching, assessing students' progress and providing you with this information more regularly, we are fully staffed across all Departments for September.

As Governors, we meet every half term and copies of agendas and minutes for this year are on the website. Our pen pictures are also on the website, if you want to know who we are. There is also a section on the website for any questions, comments or concerns parents may want to ask. We are happy to respond to these individually, as we have done this year. Parents will get in touch in a variety of ways through the College.

Thanks to students for suggesting and parents for supporting the changes to the uniform skirts and ties. We know the ties aren't available until the 20th of August - and should be able to make some available at the beginning of September if you haven't managed to get one.

We are very pleased that one of our parent governors has been part of the process for interviewing Head Boy, Head Girl and prefects. Our parent governor was extremely impressed with the calibre of the students. We are proud to have talented and keen students who want to take these responsible positions. Good Luck to them in the year ahead.

Yours faithfully

Sue Lightup  
Chair of Governors ICC

Alison Cookson  
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