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To Parent/Carers of All Students

Dear Parent/Carer

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Standards and Quality report for parents for the year. I am advised by the authority that this should be no more than four sides of A4. This is good advice as I am sure that no one would want to read more than that, however it has proved extremely difficult to do.

To condense the work of Elgin Academy over a year into a document of this size is almost impossible.

The most difficult part was to do with the achievements of our students. The range and level of achievement of students is quite amazing. It was impossible to even begin to name individual students but I hope it will give you some idea of what they have done. None of this could be achieved without the support and encouragement of parents.

The summer holidays are almost upon us. We close as usual at 2.30 pm on Thursday 2nd July and school transport will be available for those who normally require transportation. School will reopen to students on Tuesday 18th August.

During the summer break a group of eight students and several members of staff will be visiting South Africa. I will be joining them for a week at our LINK school, Mzomhle High School in East London, where we will be joining in classes and hopefully developing some useful curricular links to bring back to the Academy.

If you have visited the school recently you may have noticed the new plasma screen in the foyer. This was provided by the Elgin Academy Parent Council and there are plans to install a similar one in the canteen to allow students to see information easily on a daily basis.

You may have noticed that our website has changed. The provider we were using was not proving to be satisfactory and we are very grateful to Mr David Terron of the English department who has created a new one for us. Please visit it at www.elginacademy.co.uk. We are still in the process of transferring information across but we would welcome any constructive comments on how to improve communication with you.

Finally, I am sure you would like to join with me in wishing several members of staff who have retired a long and happy retirement. These are Mr James Whyte, our Janitor, Mrs Janet Samuel, Supervisory Technician, Mrs Eleanor Gilhooly, Principal Teacher of Home Economics, Ms Margaret Rennie, Depute Headteacher and Mr Alastair Rossetter, Senior Depute Headteacher.

May I wish you all very relaxing and refreshing summer.

Yours sincerely

Margaret A Cowie
Headteacher

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