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Dear Parent/Carer,

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you as parents and carers for your support. I would also like to thank staff for their exceptional contribution at this demanding time, and especially those we wish farewell to including Ms Natasha William (Head of Year 13), who leaves us for Our Lady's Catholic High School (OLC) in the role of Assistant Headteacher. We also say goodbye to Ms Halina Samuels (Office Manager) who leaves the school to take on a new leadership role at a school closer to home and one with a view of the sea! Ms Samuels is a past pupil of Cardinal Pole and carries with her an encyclopaedic knowledge which will be hard to replace!

We also say goodbye to Mr Louis Smyth (Teaching Assistant), Mr Tom Edwards (Head of Year 7) and Ms Lucia Bizos, Ms Elizabeth McGuinness, Ms Lucy Goddard (Science) who are looking forward to the opportunity of further travels. We also say goodbye to Mr John Ozokolie (Business), Ms Isabel Clancy (ADT), Ms Amy Earthrowl (Head of History), Ms Katharine Brant (History), Ms Chloe Haley (Head of PE), and Ms Nicola Lawley (Assistant Headteacher) who are relocating. Finally, we say farewell to Mr Connor Daniel (Pastoral Support Manager), who has taken on a role as Director of Pastoral Care. We wish them all success in the future.

We are fortunate to remain fully staffed for September and details of the new staff will be shared in September.

It has been a privilege to have served the school for the last twelve years and teaching for the past thirty five years. As you will be aware, Mr Hall, Associate Headteacher, takes on the role of Headteacher, providing continuity of leadership and ensuring future success. I am sure that you will support him and his team. I would like the opportunity to formally thank again the staff and Governors, past and present, for their support and commitment to the school and to all that we seek to achieve. Cardinal Pole Catholic School has provided over sixty years of service to Catholic education. As you are aware, I will be leaving Cardinal Pole Catholic School at the end of term to focus on my role as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Diocese of Southwark Multi-Academy Trust and CEO (Designate) of the Diocese of Westminster, Multi-Academy Trust (Hackney and Tower Hamlets).

I am looking forward greatly to the Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. It is a tremendous privilege to have him celebrate Mass here. It provides an opportunity to reflect on all that is important and cherished at Cardinal Pole Catholic School, a strong and growing faith community, described in the recent OFSTED as one which has a 'strong sense of community, and everyone feels included....pupils show genuine warmth and care'. It is a place where we have high expectations of both staff and students and where we strive to offer and achieve excellence. It is a community I am very proud to have served and one which will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

I wish you a restful summer break and look forward to celebrating our summer exam results.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

'No set of goals and objectives includes everything...We plant the seeds that one day will grow... We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.' **Bishop Ken Untener**