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Dear Learners, Parents/Carers,

Ref: End of term newsletter 2020

We are now at the end of the academic year 2020.

Who would have thought at the start of the year that this year would turn out in the way that it has? I am sure we will all have our own personal thoughts and moments to reflect on. What a year!

We have all risen to the challenges raised in the past few months and my thanks go out to all of the people linked with college, our learners and their families, staff, Ridge Supporters, stakeholders, Carcroft Farm Stores, and everyone who has provided support to ensure the infrastructure remains stable in these strange and uncertain times.

Learners have worked really hard during the summer term and fantastic pieces of work have been completed. I've seen some brilliant progress in numeracy and literacy and some weird and wonderful science experiments. There have been a mouth-watering selection of cakes and sweets created which I'm sure everyone enjoyed. I'd like to say a big thank you to all of you who have become teachers overnight and supported our learners during lockdown. You all deserve a clap for being your own 'key worker' to our learners, WELL DONE.

Our contact days have been well attended and from what I saw great fun for both staff and learners.

The time is coming though for more change as we look forward to the new college year. We aim to maintain a cautious approach to the start of the Autumn term and this will continue to be influenced by government guidance between now and September.

There will be lots of work done during the summer to ensure we are ready to welcome everyone back to college safely. We are expanding the college sites to provide more space, increasing our staffing to support the delivery of sessions and plans are in place to welcome new learners and returners on the 1st September 2020. College will be different due to the guidance and this will have an impact on the timetables for all learners and these will be emailed to you in the next 2 weeks. They will provide information about the plans for the new term and kit advice for lessons. If anyone has any queries once these are received I am happy to discuss.

During the summer we will continue to support you with the launch on Monday of the After College Club. A timetable of events is attached and learners can choose to meet up with their friends virtually or in person with the cricket, football and horticulture sessions. There are also some great fun ideas attached

for learners to enjoy with family and friends and we also aim keep in touch via regular calls to chat about your summer activities.

On the 13th July 2020 we will be reopening the Bev-ridge café. It will have a different look about it and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible though the summer. Please visit our Bev-ridge Facebook page for latest information on how to book a table and the latest menu.

We are also continuing to support North Doncaster Development Trust through the summer with the Carcroft Food Bank. This operates from the Bullcroft Memorial Hall and is open for donations and collections every Monday at 9am.

If you have any queries regarding welfare or support, please contact Mel or Sharon at any time. The college offices are still accessible through the summer for any queries:

Melanie Atkin, Head of College- 07950389874 Sharon McCusker, Transitions, Data and Pastoral Manager- 07429943136

The message from the government is constantly being updated with regards health and education and I will continue to review the strategy for the college's delivery of education for the next academic year in order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our staff, learners and families. Any changes in our approach over the summer will be detailed on our website. If I can ask that everyone refer to the site for the latest news.

I would like to thank you all again for your continued support of 'Team Ridge' and I believe we have proved again that by working together we can achieve so much even when faced with unforeseen challenges. I am so proud of all our learners at this time.

I wish you all a safe, happy summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes to all our families at this time.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Atkin Head of College

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