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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am aware that you have recently received communication from Mr Driver to introduce himself to you. I apologise for writing so soon after, but wanted to say a big thank you to you all for your support over the last 23 years, many of you as pupils and now parents. I hesitate to say grandparents as that would make me feel exceptionally old 😊

When I arrived at Caister 23 years ago, I never thought I would be staying so long. Having worked in other schools I can honestly say that there is something special about Caister. I often say that Caister gets into your blood and into your heart and once there it is difficult to break away. I can honestly say that I have never worked somewhere where the staff care about the pupils and are there for them. This is then reciprocated by the pupils and the strength of these relationships has been commented on by the variety of visitors we have had in the school. I feel privileged to have worked with such a caring group of people.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working at Caister in the many different roles that I have had. Some have been more difficult than others and some like my Head of Year Role alongside my Deputy Headship provided many challenges, laughter and the occasional tears. I truly believe that Caister excels at supporting and developing successful well rounded individuals who can go on to have fulfilling lives. Examination results are important but they do not make the person.

My biggest regret is that our current Year 11 were unable to celebrate their end of year as we would have liked. Covid -19 has certainly been a strange ending to my teaching career. I hope that you know that the staff at Caister will always be there for you to provide support where necessary and ensure that you can be the best that you can be, do not hesitate to ask for help should you need it.

I retire with lots of memories of the thousands of young people who have passed through the doors as children and left as young adults well equipped to face the next stages of their lives. It is a measure of the school that we have a number of ex pupils working in the school to provide quality education for the next generation. Caister has always been about partnerships and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone health, happiness and success especially in the current circumstances.

Best wishes


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