

23rd June 2021

Dear student

The summer holidays are nearly here, and we are sure you are excited to have lots of free time to relax, meet up with friends and see family. This year you have amazed us all with your resilience and positive attitude throughout the changes and challenges you've faced. Your team spirit, understanding and willingness to help each other has been nothing short of fantastic. You continually amaze your parents, nursery and school staff, and we would like to say a massive thank you to each and every one of you for all your efforts this year.

Summer is an exciting time, but it is also a time of change. As you leave your old teachers and classrooms behind, you will be taking happy memories and important learning with you. And you will no doubt be looking forward to the excitement a new school year brings. Some of you will be moving from nursery to primary school - you'll be excited to meet your new teachers, learn with your new friends and wear your new uniform. Those of you moving from primary 7 to first year will also have lots to look forward to - a variety of classes, clubs and another important step in your journey. For our students moving into the senior phase or leaving school, there are lots of chances to shine and opportunities - make sure you seize these and make the most of them.

We wish you all the best of luck moving into the new session, and we know you'll be a great success. But before that, it's important that you enjoy the fun, freedom and laughter the holidays will bring. You have all worked incredibly hard and deserve a good break! Before this starts, you may wish to thank your nursery or school staff and families for helping you through this year. Everything they do, they do with your best interests at heart.

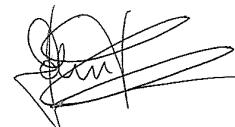
[Summer of Hope](#) - Encourage your families to watch out for Highland Council social media posts over the coming days offering a variety of free summer activities that you can sign up for over the summer.

Have a fantastic summer, and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new session, and we know already you're going to be awesome.

Best wishes



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