



## **Samuel Cody School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing today ahead of the summer holidays.

This half term has been a busy one with farewells to our YR 11 students, and welcome events to our new YR 7 students. It has been such a busy year and we have all made some amazing memories.

Just to remind you that from September, Ms Brumby and I will be working as Co-Heads for one year until August 2026, when I will then be retiring. I thank you all in advance for making her feel welcome in September. I know that Ms Brumby is very much looking forward to working with you and your children. Additionally, Mrs Oliphant will be taking over the Key stage 3 Lead role, and will be available for you all to meet if you have not already done so at the beginning of September.

As you may have heard, Hampshire Catering for Schools has been up for tender, and a new catering company has won the bid to take over the contract to provide school meals. Moving forwards this should mean very little change with regards to the quality and type of meals as we will retain our current catering staff, but from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, school meals will drop in price from £3.20 to £2.75 per meal. I think that you will agree that this is good news.

We break up this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the normal time and students and pupils will start their new academic year on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Please be aware that all staff will be on their summer break from 4pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July and will not be available to reply to emails after this date, in fact they are actively encouraged not to do so for their mental health. I would ask therefore, that any communications with school should take place on school days only and between school opening hours. Thank you as always for your support with this.

My staff and I would like to wish you all a good summer break. We look forward to seeing you in the new academic year, hopefully all rested and eager to start a new year at Samuel Cody.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shari Chinnappa'.

Mrs S Chinnappa  
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