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Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of the new school year.

It is always a delight to see the children step back into their school after the summer break. As existing friendships are re-ignited, new ones forged and relationships with new and familiar teachers fostered and nurtured, it does not take long before the renewed energy enthusiasm and inquiry with which the children return ensures they soon hit the ground running.

The new school year provides us with an opportunity to welcome new families to the school. We also welcome some new members of staff to the team this year: Judi Nichols who is joining us as our new Art Teacher on a permanent basis. Judi will be working at Thomas's Clapham for the rest of the school week and so will be able to continue that important link between the Clapham Art Department and the Academy. We welcome two new Early Years teachers: Leanne Dobson joins us as our new Early Years Lead having recently set up a successful Early Years department in an international school in Hong Kong. Eleeza Byer joins us as Reception teacher and Phonics Lead having taught at Marlborough Primary for the past four years. Sally Prior, previously of Thomas's Battersea, is joining us as Digital Lead and Year Four Class Teacher and Tabitha Fraser completes the team as our new Year One Teacher. I am sure you will support me in making our new friends and colleagues warmly welcome.

In summary, the class teaching responsibilities for this year are as follows:

Nursery:	Leanne Dobson
Reception:	Eleeza Byer
Year One:	Tabitha Fraser
Year Two:	Olivia Lankester
Year Three:	Clare Wood
Year Four:	Sally Prior
Year Five:	Clare James & Harry Bates
Year Six:	Sam White & Suzanne Kelly

Support staff roles and responsibilities are being finalised now and will be shared with you shortly.

The school is starting off the year looking just as smart as the children in their new uniforms. All of the internal doors and windows have been replaced during the holiday, and although there is still a bit of finishing off to do, the impact around the building has been very positive.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions about the exciting year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Miles Chester - Head Teacher

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.