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Dear Parent/Carer

In March this year St Matthew's acquired the former Manchester College building that sits on the school site. The building will provide additional classrooms, offices and workspace and will help to meet the growing demand for high school places in the city. The acquisition and refurbishment of the building has been made possible by funding provided by Manchester City Council and I am very grateful for their support.

Over recent weeks work has been going on to refurbish the building in order to ensure it meets our requirements. All work is currently on schedule. Further works are planned in the main school building over the summer break. These include a new science laboratory, an extension to the dining room and some minor changes to classrooms. A significant number of departments and members of staff will be involved in moving location over the summer.

The transfer to the new building will involve a carefully planned move from the present classrooms to the new accommodation. This includes packing resources, materials, books etc and transferring them to their new location. I am sure you will appreciate that such a move brings with it many concerns regarding the safety of staff and pupils. Therefore in order to ensure that this move is carried out smoothly, efficiently, and safely it will be necessary to close the school to pupils on the last day of this term. **Pupils will not be required to attend school on Friday 21st July 2017.** On this day pupils will not be allowed on to the school site. On that day school staff will be involved in preparing for the transfer to the new building.

I take this decision with great reluctance as I understand that this may cause parents/carers some issues and concerns. However, I do not believe there is any alternative and having discussed this matter with staff, governors and contractors it is clear that a school closure for a day is necessary in order to accomplish an effective and safe transfer to the new building.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Hogan
Headteacher



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