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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

I trust that this finds you all well and enjoying some Springtime sunshine and lighter evenings! I hope that you all enjoyed the recent Easter break – the end of the academic year is fast approaching.

Over the Easter break the Trust invested heavily to improve the internal appearance of the communal areas and corridors within the school. Hopefully your child is enjoying the enhanced décor of the school, it is a huge improvement and we've impressed upon everybody at Medeshamstede how important it is that all look after the building. More extensive works are planned internally, mostly over the summer break now, to further improve the physical provision around the school and updates about that will follow.

Externally we've also been improving our boundary fences which will now, once completed, also deliver additional outside space to the school for break times, lunchtimes and a range of outdoor activities. This is a wonderful addition to the Medeshamstede campus which we're extremely excited about. This small field, to the rear of the school building, will actually add a significant amount of outside space improving the overall school experience for all of our children. We are hoping that this will be available for use before the end of this academic year, but we will keep you updated as this progresses.

This year marks an important year for Medeshamstede Academy: not only is it the Jubilee Year for which we have celebrations planned and which you should have also received a separate letter about, but it is also the 10th year of Medeshamstede Academy being open! We have a range of celebrations and activities planned to mark this important event and milestone and we'll let you know more as we get closer.

I'm also delighted to let you all know that the laptops that I told you about that had been kindly donated to us by Deloitte have now arrived, have been set-up and are now being put to great use. A big thank you to Deloitte!

We are also pleased to say that we have a new link Speech and Language Therapist joining us who will be working alongside our Communication Lead and staff. We have been improving and streamlining our visuals, schedules and timetables within classroom setting to ensure consistency across the school and continue to look at ways we can improve these strategies further. In addition, we now have two extra staff trained in Intensive Interaction who will be able to deliver across the school as well as upskill other colleagues across the school.

We continue to work hard to secure new staff to join our team and are pleased to announce that Mr Matthew Sludds and Miss Natalie Morrison will now be joining us as permanent teaching staff. Both have been working with us for some time now and we are delighted that they will now become part of our permanent team! We are delighted to announce that Mrs Imola Crosbie will also be joining our teaching team in September, and we look forward to welcoming her experience and expertise to the Academy. We

have recently welcomed Miss Lindsey Bovis, Miss Maddison Watts and Mrs Katherine Ablett to our support staff team and in June will be welcoming Mrs Shelley Townsend to our support staff team also.

I hope you all continue to enjoy the Spring weather. We break for half term on 27th May and we look forward to welcoming everybody back in to school on Tuesday 7th June for final half term of the academic year! If you need anything further in the meantime, please do feel free to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Bentham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mr Martin Bentham
Interim Principal