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Dear Europa Parents,

In this end of term letter, I would like to celebrate the contribution of extra curriculum enrichment that I have been privileged to be a spectator at over the last few months. These are opportunities for our students to develop knowledge, skills and interests linked to the curriculum but often planned outside of the normal classroom teaching and learning.

Primary pupils have recently been involved in science week, in choral performances and performing German songs for our PASCH renewal. Secondary pupils have had the chance to be involved in numerous events including careers events, the Ski Trip to Andorra, the Model United Nations conference in Toulouse, the Musical performance for the PASCH renewal, the Library competitions, the local sports leagues. Over the last two weeks we have also been able to showcase S7 Art and Theory of Knowledge exhibitions and the secondary musical talent in the Music soiree featuring our newly formed string orchestra.

Such a varied list of enrichment opportunities is a sign of a busy school with very dedicated professionals who give up their time and energy to provide something extra. These activities are showcased in our weekly parents' newsletters, and I encourage you to read the detailed reports from the different events.

This segues well to some Governor-led work on the updating of the school's mission, ethos, vision and values statements. These statements communicate core educational values, speak to the culture of the institution, and provides staff, students, and community with ideals to reach for in participation with the school.

Mission – Declaration of the school's core purpose

Our mission is to provide a multilingual and multicultural education for primary and secondary level pupils delivered in a sustainable way through a broad, challenging and internationally minded curriculum with a particular emphasis on Modern European Languages and Sciences.

Ethos: The characteristic spirit of a community as manifested in its attitude and aspirations

Europa School UK provides an immersive multilingual, multicultural learning environment. By enjoying an excellent academic education through Modern European languages and by celebrating the numerous cultures encountered in our school, our students become global citizens with a tolerance underpinned by mutual understanding.

Our students experience the joy of learning together in a mutually respectful community. They develop skills which equip them for further studies, an enriched cultural life, and a global perspective to help create a more sustainable and peaceful world.

Vision: What pupils will leave the school knowing, being and having done

We give our pupils the best possible start in life by providing an inclusive multilingual and multicultural learning environment and by encouraging them to take ownership of their own learning. We help our students develop the skills they need to make a difference and to thrive in a modern world that changes fast.

Our students graduate in the International Baccalaureate and are fluent and literate in at least two languages. These language skills and a global perspective enable them to study at leading universities both in this country and abroad and to enhance their job prospects and enjoy a richer cultural life.

Values: Principles that guide our thinking and behaviour

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

At the heart of our thriving, diverse community is a passionate belief in the benefits of a multilingual, multicultural education to form responsible, engaged citizens of the world. This is reflected in the following behaviours which we nurture in our pupils:

- Understand each other
- Embrace other languages
- Learn about the world
- Share your opinion
- Listen to others' opinions
- Look after each other

MOTIVATION

The expertise of our staff lies not only in pedagogy and education, but in pastoral care and in nurturing in our pupils purposeful learning to develop them into happy, engaged and independent young people. This is reflected in the following behaviours:

- Believe in yourself and in each other
- Be your best
- Bring out the best in each other
- Challenge yourself
- Take pride in doing your best
- Celebrate others' achievements

ENQUIRY

In creating a safe and stimulating learning environment, we recognise the right of everyone to respectfully express, explore and question knowledge, views and beliefs in a safe environment. This is reflected in the following behaviours:

- Be eager to learn
- Explore your potential
- Question
- Speak out
- Try new things
- Find solutions
- Seek help when needed

RESPECT

At the heart of all relationships is mutual respect, including regard for an individual's dignity, individual liberty and freedom of choice, and regard for our democracy and the rule of law. This is reflected in the following behaviours:

- Respect others
- Be Tolerant
- Find forgiveness
- Greet each other
- Say sorry
- Respect equipment
- Allow personal space

And finally, last but not least in any way - COMMUNITY

Our community is at the heart of our school, and embraces a rich diversity of cultural, linguistic and religious traditions, heritage, and preferences. This is reflected in the following behaviours:

- Be kind
- Say please and thank you
- Respect others' feelings
- Learn to work as a team
- Include others

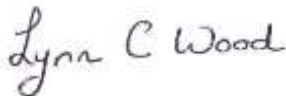
As an IB School our secondary education is driven by the IB Learner profile.

In sharing these updated statements, I hope that this will provide the school community with a clearer view of the school's direction and core principles. If anybody has any comments on this work, please email me using principal@europaschool.uk and please mark your replies with the subject heading "Europa Mission, Ethos, Vision and Values feedback".

Next term, the exam season commences with P6 and S7 for their SATs and IB finals examination respectively. I know that these students have been well prepared, I hope they relish the challenge and I wish them the best of luck. Parents, please do your part by making sure they are well rested and have the necessary equipment. For the BAC exams in S7, it is important to be aware of their exam times – due to the generous special arrangements and the co-arrangements of standard and higher-level courses, some exams start before and finish after the normal school day – on these occasions students cannot rely on using the bus transport to school.

The new term starts again on Monday 17th April 2023. I do wish all families a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

with my very best wishes



Lynn Wood
Principal