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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to announce that today we are launching a new website for the school. The web address will be the same, www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk, but when you navigate to the page you will see a better looking, easier to navigate layout.

Next year, we are planning to add to this new website by creating and updating social media accounts. This is something that was asked for by a significant minority in our communication survey, so I am pleased to be able to say that we are expecting to be able to share more details of this in the new academic year.

These social media accounts will help us keep you better informed about the fantastic things happening in school. We know that not all of our young people do a good job of telling you what is going on in the school day, and there is a limit to what I can include in these newsletters. This means that you may not know, for example, about how politically engaged our young people are, whether through their work on the student council, visits from our MP, or meeting with councillors to help plan a local pump track. You may not know about the ways they support the community through numerous charity events and fundraisers, with four-figure sums raised for good causes, or community events like the Sixth Form Formal, the Prom and our performances. You may not also know as much as we'd like about the memorable experiences they are having in our classrooms, through the work of our staff, and because of visits from exceptional guest speakers from local employers and organisations like the Three Choirs Festival.

You may also not be aware of just how many educational visits have gone on this year. This was something that staff, children and families were united in wanting to see more of and we have a robust programme on offer. This year we have had a combination of well-established and new trips, including visits to:

- Blood Brothers theatre trip
- CERN in Switzerland
- France (twice!)
- Geography fieldwork in Dorset, Gloucester, Ledbury, Tewkesbury and Worcester
- Germany (twice!)
- Hive University Library in Worcester
- Italy, for our Ski Trip
- London for separate trips to Parliament, The Cutty Sark and a dance event
- Ludlow Castle
- Malvern Ice Quest and Malvern Pantomime
- PGL residential (all of Year 7)
- Stratford-upon-Avon to see Shakespeare's birthplace

- Three Colleges Open Day (all of Year 10) and Gloucester College
- Three Counties Careers Fair (all of Year 9)
- Three Counties Show (all of Year 7)
- West Midlands Safari Park
- Williams Racing STEM experience

There are, incredibly, many more trips that we have sent out this year.

Each of these visits requires an incredible amount of work – both from those organising and running the trips and from those administrators who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that these happen in a safe and affordable way. I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the staff involved in making these happen. These trips are a wonderful example of what I mean when I talk with our families about a community of adults who always go and above beyond to ensure that our children have the best possible experiences.

If you would like to see some photographs of our latest overseas trip, from which our students and staff are still travelling back, please visit our new website!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'John Holmes', with a stylized, wavy line extending from the end.

John Holmes
Headteacher