

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome all new pupils along with our returning pupils and their families back to school. As a parent I feel like I am slowly starting to get back into my routine and yet Christmas is nearly upon us.

As a school we have seen considerable change over the summer, both in staffing and structurally, so there is lots to keep you up to date on. The biggest change and the one you will be most aware of is the change in Leadership. With both Mr Fuller and Mrs Brown moving on, we have welcomed Mr Fanthorpe into the role of Headteacher, with Mrs Campbell moving up to become the deputy Headteacher. They have been joined by Miss Devonshire as assistant headteacher and phase leader for KS2 (years 5 and 6) and Mr Maddox as assistant headteacher and phase leader for KS3 (years 7 and 8). We have also welcomed Ms Manning onboard to teach the French curriculum, Mrs Kuhnel and Mr Young to provide additional teaching support in the classroom and Mrs Boddy as an administrator in the school office. Finally we have welcomed Mrs Morrison as our school office manager.

We are hopeful that this academic year will bring a full return to the 'old' Ralph Sadleir and our year 7s have already led the way with their residential PGL trip at the end of September. Great fun was had by the pupils (and staff alike) and we would like to thank the staff that made this trip possible and appreciate that they took time away from home themselves to give our pupils the best enrichment possibilities available.

Over the summer we had a bespoke 'Daily Mile' track laid and many a student can be seen joyfully completing the 4 laps required to achieve a mile. As a Board of Directors and alongside the new Senior Leadership Team, we will now be looking at further improvements within the school as part of our 3-year plan as well as supporting the curriculum and wellbeing of our staff and pupils.

Safeguarding as always remains our priority and we are ensuring that all changes to the new 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' are in place. Look out for our parental updates on safety on social media. As a school we want to support our families as much as possible with the current cost of living crisis, so please get in touch if you need support, especially with things like uniform where we have a large supply available to those in need. Our social media feeds will also include cost saving methods that have been shared with us by local council and links to institutions that may also be able to offer help. I am delighted to say that we have linked up with Chips as our local charity and our newly elected school councillors will be leading the way on how we can support them and a national and international charity. Watch out for further information on this.

As I am sure you are aware, the school was visited by Ofsted inspectors before the half term. We were pleased that the visit was very positive and after working collaboratively with senior leaders, they recognised the same areas for development as the school had included in their development plan.

Julia Tye

Chair of the Board of Trustees