

Dear Parents/Carers

7th September 2015

As we commence a new academic year I should like to take this opportunity to share with you my hopes and expectations for the forthcoming year.

To those with children in year 7 I welcome you all very warmly into our school community, hoping that your children settle well and take advantage of all the opportunities available to them to ensure that their transition to secondary school is smooth, enjoyable and successful.

To existing parents who have children moving into year 8, I welcome you all back and reassure that we will maintain our commitment to your child/ren to ensure that they continue to feel happy and fulfilled in the school and continue to grow and develop as a learner and a young adult.

I was delighted to have been able to recruit a full complement of excellent specialist teaching and support staff for the start of this year, and I know that they all share my belief in high expectations as well as my commitment to ensure that we provide a high quality all round learning experience for our children.

I am very keen to ensure that we provide a well-structured, ordered and controlled school environment to ensure that children, of all interests and abilities, will develop to their full potential. Achieving this requires the full commitment and support of our staff, our children and our parent body – so I look forward, in the best interests of our children, to receiving your full support throughout the year.

We have a very exciting future in prospect, and I am very pleased to be able to report that the planning for our purpose built 11-18 school is at an advanced stage and we will be moving into the new school this time next year. Although I only entered the planning process following my appointment in the Spring, I am very impressed with the design of the building and I have no doubt it will provide the very best teaching and learning environment for our children.

In the meantime, we have the quality of accommodation and resources on our current site to ensure that there will be no detriment to our children's development throughout this academic year. Year 7 are accommodated in the purpose built classrooms within the main primary school building. An additional suite of four new classrooms for year 8 students will be delivered within the next few weeks. Thanks to support from the primary school we have managed to secure the appropriate number of classrooms within the main building for 15

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days until our new ones arrive. I do not anticipate any difficulties with these short term arrangements.

All students will have access at lunchtime to the large playground in the primary school. This is a good solution to the limited space we had last academic year.

Finally, I think it is extremely important to keep parents up to date with progress and activities within the school so there will be a regular news “feed” on our web-site as well as a monthly Blog which I intend setting up soon.

I look forward to working with you throughout this year.

Yours faithfully,

N. J. Everton.

Ms J Everton

Headteacher