

Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Re. Changes to the leadership of Chelsea Academy

As this long Autumn term draws to a close I write to you with exciting news for our Principal, Matt Williams. Mr Williams has been appointed Headmaster of a leading international school in Switzerland and will take up his position there at the beginning of the next academic year (September 2020). This is a tremendous opportunity for him and an exciting challenge to move abroad to run a school. All the Governing Board of the Academy join me in wishing him well and indeed in thanking him for everything he has done here for us in Chelsea.

An exciting time for Mr Williams also brings sadness for us as he leaves us as Principal. He has created a stable environment here in the last six years, our academic achievement and progress has gone from strength to strength, we are as stable financially as the government allows us to be and the atmosphere, behaviour and attitudes around the Academy have all improved immeasurably. It has been a pleasure to work with such a collaborative colleague and we will miss him. But, whilst we will all be very sad to see him go, we appreciate that promotions happen and we know he leaves us in a much better place than that in which he found us and, I hope and believe, in a position which will hopefully make us attractive to others who may want to join us to continue his good work.

We will set about a process to find a new Principal immediately on our return after the holiday and I hope to be able to report to you in due course that we have found a worthy successor. But until the end of this academic year it will be very much "business as usual" with Mr Williams as Principal and his very able Leadership Team in support. We hope that a transition to a new Principal in the autumn will be smooth and easy with all the measures that Mr Williams has put in place to ensure continuity.

For now, I hope you will be reassured that we are all on the case to find you the best possible new Principal and I send you all the very best wishes for a lovely, restful Christmas holiday.

I hope 2020 will be a fruitful year !



Lady Sassoon
Chair of Governors