

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new year and an especially warm welcome to all who are new to KLB.

As you will have hopefully already seen the school celebrated some fantastic GCSE and A-Level results over the summer – our best ever. This was a just reflection of the hard work of students who have coped with so much disruption over the past two years. This hard work was of course tirelessly supported by all of the staff at KLB and on behalf of the Trustees and the school community I would like to thank them for all their efforts and dedication.

With respect to the appointment of a permanent headteacher we have been reviewing the timeline for an appointment and we intend to place an advert for the position this term to support an appointment that will start at Easter 2023. Until this point, Hannah Khan will remain as Acting Headteacher. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Trustees to thank Hannah and the rest of the SLT for all of the work they continue to do in leading the school.

I am pleased to advise that following final negotiations between the DfE and Kier Construction, contracts have now been signed and work will commence over the October half term with some initial survey and investigation works, followed by the temporary works required to facilitate the main project. This will include changes to the car-parking which will take effect in January next year. Further details will be shared once finalised, as it will result in changes to parking and drop off / pick up arrangements.

Finally, this term sees some changes to the Board of Trustees. Margaret Clarke is stepping down from the Board of Trustees, having been a Governor and Trustee at KLB for well over twenty years, including a period as Chair of Governors. Her support to the school has been incalculable and on behalf of the school and the Trustees I would like to thank Margaret for all she has done. We are however pleased to welcome Ann McDonald who is a retired Headteacher who has recently moved back to the area from Hong Kong. Ann brings some fantastic experience which will no doubt strengthen the board. In addition, we have some further vacancies - these will be detailed in a separate letter from me to follow.

With best wishes for a happy and successful year.

Yours faithfully,



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