

Tuesday 11th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you at the start of a new term and would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents/carers, especially those new to the school. Our new year 7 intake is full with 350 new entrants with a waiting list of almost 20 children, and I never take for granted the trust that you have placed in us to provide your child's secondary education. As a school, we are committed to offering every child at Phoenix an education that meets their individual needs and is second to none.

Phoenix has had another pleasing set of GCSE and A level results this year with some particularly outstanding results for individuals and departments. Our highest performing student was Bardia Dodengeh who achieved a set of results which included six grade 9s, two grade 8s and an A*. Our best department this year was the science department, which even surpassed 2017s results with a set that will probably be in the top 10% of schools nationally if not better. I am exceptionally proud of the students and staff who have achieved this, all with the backdrop of a complete build programme on going.

May I remind you that the school website hosts a wealth of information and is worth setting as your home page to help remain in touch. You can find us at www.aspirebelievesucceed.com. School and staff contact details can be found here, as well as important announcements and lots of 'latest news' – check out the summer edition of the newsletter! If you think that we have overlooked any particular information on the website, please let us know.

Despite the collapse of Carillion, we finally have our 5 new multi-use games areas open from September, these have all been created to meet Sport England standard for competitions. Our students now finally have access to good spaces for sports after waiting for them for the last two years. It is hoped that all works will be finally completed early in 2019.

Note that we currently have one **vacancy for the role of parent governor** on the Phoenix Governing Body so an election is now needed to fill this vacant post.

Parents interested in becoming a Governor should complete the enclosed self-nomination form and return this to the school office by **3.00 pm Friday 28th September** in a sealed envelope addressed to the clerk to governors and marked Parent Governor Nomination. In addition, you should include a brief statement in support of your application which will be circulated to all parents/carers and placed on our website, should there be a need for an election. This statement must not exceed 350 words.

I have taken the opportunity to provide you with full details of our term dates for this academic year on the reverse of this letter. Note that we will also **be closing at the end of period 4 (1.15pm) on Tuesday 18th September** to allow staff to prepare for the Year 6 Open Evening. Grab bags will be made available to students eligible for free school meals before they leave on that day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mike Smith
Head Teacher

Phoenix Collegiate school term dates and holiday 2018/2019

Autumn term 2018

- Inset days: Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September 2018 (*school closed to students*)
- **Students return to school:** Wednesday 5 September
- School close early on Tuesday 18 September at 1.15pm, to allow staff to prepare for Year 6 Open evening (4.00-7.30pm)
- Half term holiday: Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
- Inset day: Friday 23 November (*school closed to students*)
- **Term ends:** Friday 21 December
- Christmas holiday: Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019

Spring term 2019

- Inset day: Monday 7 January 2019 (*school closed to students*)
- **Students return to school:** Tuesday 8 January
- Half term holiday: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February
- **Term ends:** Friday 12 April
- Easter holiday: Monday 15 April to Friday 26 April

Summer term 2019

- **Term starts:** Monday 29 April
- Bank holiday: Monday 6 May (*school closed to students*)
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
- **Term ends:** Friday 19 July 2018
- Summer holiday: From Monday 22 July



PARENT GOVERNOR SELF NOMINATION

I wish to nominate myself for the post of Parent Governor. I am a parent/carer* of a child currently at the school and enclose a brief statement (no more than 350 words) that I agree to being published should there be a need for an election.

Name..... Child name and form.....

Signed..... Date

Please return along with your statement to school office for the clerk to governors **by 3.00pm on Friday 28th September.**

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