

Dear Parent/ Carer

17th July 2019

This is my final Headteacher message for the current academic year so as well as publishing the body of this letter in the current Parent Bulletin I have decided to also send every family a hard copy of the letter.

This is the last time I will be able to write to you before the Summer holidays and what an amazing year it's been.

Year 11 made us all really proud this year by working so very hard for their summer exams in which they really were a credit to us all. It was also great to enjoy a wonderful evening with them when we had the Year 11 prom at the end of the exams where we all had a really good time. We're all now looking forward to the 22nd August when Year 11 pick up their results from school at 9 am in the morning. Fingers crossed for all.

Year 10 work experience has also been a huge success and the quality of work placement this year has been terrific with one of our students even spending the week at the Bank of England. Our thanks go to Mr Dean for coordinating this.

This year has been an exciting one for developing international links which I have shared with you many times that I have a real passion for. Our New York school connection remains strong and we're still working hard to raise the money to take some of our students over to Manhattan to meet their American counterparts.

If America wasn't enough we have formed a strong link with China Gateway which is an organisation that links Chinese and British schools together. We have enjoyed having two sets of Chinese students and teachers join us in the last few weeks and the positive impact it's had on our own students has been amazing. The next step now is to organise a return visit for 10 or so of our students to go on the trip to Shanghai in October. Many thanks to Ms Sorba for coordinating all this.

In terms of staffing changes, there have been a few role changes that you can see on the 'Our Team' drop down on the school website but I'd like to inform you of some significant changes for September 2019.

Ms. Golkowska, teacher of Maths and Business Studies, leaves us and is replaced by Mr Islam who joins the Maths team under Mr Palmer. I wish Ms Golkowska the very best of luck in her future endeavours and thank her for all her hard work whilst she's been at the school.

Another major change is the promotion of Mr Raw to Deputy Headteacher from his current role of Assistant Headteacher. I'm absolutely delighted for Mr Raw who I'm sure will have a hugely positive impact on Wapping High's continuing success in his new role.. Well done Mr Raw!

Next year is a really special year in Wapping High's journey because, as I have mentioned previously, the school is finally oversubscribed for the new Year 7 for the first time. The extra students will be a challenge to fit in but the Governors and I are absolutely determined to hang onto the small, family feel school we all want and our students deserve. Incidentally, I will be increasing the school staff at the school in the next academic year with plans to add 2 teachers and also increase the size of the Learning Support Assistant team. More to follow here as the year goes on.

Ms Ingram and Ms Charman have also written to you with details of the start times on the first day back on Wednesday, September 4th. Years 8 -11 start back a little later on in the day to allow our new Year 7s a chance to settle into their new school so please make sure you know when your son or daughter is expected to be here.

And finally, I remain delighted with the continuing success Wapping High is having and although like every English secondary school, we await the summer exam results with great interest, I remain confident that we will continue to improve and keep punching above our weight as a small school determined to provide the very best education possible for every one of our fantastic students.

Best wishes and have a great summer!



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