

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy Autumn term as always at Fareham Academy. As we approach Christmas, I would like to thank staff, trustees, parents and the wider community for all that they have done to help the students of our school. A big thank you to everyone who attended the Academy to support its many events including RAK days, the Remembrance Service and performance evenings.

### **School events**

It has been an exciting start to the Autumn term, welcoming our new Year 7 students who have settled in very well following their transition week in July. They all seem completely comfortable with their new surroundings and are now fully integrated into school life.

We also had the opportunity to congratulate last year's Year 11s, celebrating their success on awards evening. This was a fantastically popular event, as we celebrated the best results the Academy has ever had, placing it in the top two performing schools in the Fareham and Gosport area.

We have been lucky enough to display our students amazing talents through the Performing Arts Christmas Showcase, Matilda Jr and BSL Factor. The dedication of our students was fantastic, I know that numerous staff and students gave up many hours to rehearse and they truly were a credit to the Academy.

### **Working with parents**

I continue to be impressed by the strength of the relationships between staff of the Academy and our parents. I want to thank parents for their support in ensuring good attendance, homework completion and uniform which as a school we take very seriously. We have been running our Face to Face sessions once again in the Autumn term. The sessions have covered Mental Health and School Communication this term and the details of these can be found on the 'Community Engagement' section of our website.

### **House System**

I am pleased to announce we have added a house system to the Academy to generate a sense of pride, collectiveness and enjoyable competition. The houses were named by students after mythical gods and goddesses, with each house having captains and being represented by their own house values. The names of the houses are **Vulcan, Yemoja, Odin** and **Gaia**. The students have taken part in their first house activity, The Big Christmas Quiz.

### **Staffing update**

We are looking forward to welcoming some new staff to the Academy in January. Mrs Leech will join our Reception Team and Miss Williams will start as our new SENCo. In addition to this we have Miss Wiltshire starting as Teacher of Geography and Miss Castle as a Pathway Facilitator in our Gateway Provision.

I hope that you and your family have a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

Yours faithfully,



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