

December 2023

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 and it was lovely to see how they have developed on the next phase of their education journey.

We have been lucky enough to display our students amazing talents through the School Production of *Susical the Musical*. 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. We also look forward to the Christmas showcase in the last week of term.

We were also very proud to present our first 8 students with the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award. This is a fantastic achievement and something I hope will catapult them on to the Gold award in college. This was achieved through hard work developing areas of Skill, Physical Activity, Volunteering and of course a 3-day expedition. I hope the life experiences gained will stay with them for years into the future.

#### **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 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 Reading and being Ready to Learn this term and the details of these can be found on the 'Community Engagement' section of our website.

We have also added a new feature to our website to make it more accessible to parents. Under the *Contact us* section of our website there is now an easy to use section for communicating *Comments, Compliments and Complaints*. It is important to us that we understand where we can develop as a school and share with staff where they have received parental praise.

#### **Staffing update**

We are looking forward to welcoming some new staff to the Academy in January. Mrs Hughes, Head of Key Stage & Teacher of Geography will join our Pastoral Team and Mr Ness, Teacher of English & Assistant Head of Year.

Sadly, we say our goodbyes to Mrs Smee, Head of Key Stage 4 who has been successful in progressing to a leadership role in Southampton, I am sure you will all like to join me in wishing her every success within her new role.

I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year if you are celebrating. I hope everybody has a peaceful break and we look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

Yours faithfully,



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