



July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Year letter from the Headteacher

As the academic year draws to a close it gives me great pleasure to thank you for your support this year in helping our young people achieve the very best this year.

The staff and students of Years 11 and 13 have worked tirelessly in the run up to the external examinations. Thank you to parents of these year groups in supporting our young people through what can be a very stressful time.

The school has been actively engaged in a number of ventures this year stemming from our well established relationships across the country and globally. Our World Class Schools network, our role with the Leading Edge status and our role as the Lead School in the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust have afforded some fabulous opportunities for our young people. We recently joined the International Cross of Nails network (run by Coventry Cathedral) and are looking forward to furthering our support for peace and reconciliation.

From September, the school is looking at welcoming a 'school support dog' to support our pastoral and well-being programmes. A dog breed will be selected for being calm and will be based in the PLC, RJ Hub and Sixth Form Study Centre having being robustly risk assessed before being on site. Research has shown that students can benefit educationally and emotionally, increasing their understanding of responsibility and developing empathy and nurturing skills through such programs. A number of schools nationally have a school dog on site for these reasons. Students with pet related allergies or who are anxious around dogs will not at any point be directly exposed to him/her. If you have any questions regarding this or wish to update the school regarding any allergies your child may have, please do contact the school through d.case@finhampark.co.uk.

Over the summer months, the school site will undergo some further improvements. New drains will be installed, a new tennis court surface will be laid, the memorial garden will be renovated, the Sports Pavilion will be completed and improvements will be made to the air conditioning systems.

May I wish you all a restful summer break. I hope you manage to spend quality time with family and friends and I look forward to welcoming back Years 7, 10 and 12 at 08:50 on 3rd Sept, Year 8, 9 and 11 at 09:40 on 3rd Sept and Year 13 on 4th Sept.

Yours faithfully

C Bishop (Headteacher)