



21 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Stronger together' (July 2023)

Another year draws to a close. Looking back and reflecting on our achievements, whether they be professionally or personally, I am reminded that all that has been achieved has been as a result of community and partnership working. The list is long and includes numerous international trips, sports day, redrafting the key stage 3 curriculum, the growth in performing arts access and concerts, 100+ sporting fixtures resulting in five competition wins across the region, vast improvements in attendance rates... before culminating in the most ambitious FinhamFest ever attempted this week. (NB: not an exhaustive list!)

I often talk to staff about the fact that we have all chosen to 'do life' together in that we have signed up to work collaboratively in a community that enables pupils and staff to achieve great things. And because of this, let's make it as enjoyable an experience as we can for all stakeholders so that we can have 'the time of our lives'. There is a famous African proverb which states that "it takes a village to raise a child". I love this sentiment because it reminds me of the fact that through supporting each other, we learn and grow stronger. It is precisely this thought that gives me confidence for the future in difficult times as we can draw on each other for strength and support. We don't have to go it alone.

I hope that over the next six weeks, you will be refreshed having spent time with loved ones so that when we return in September our community will be even stronger.



Yours faithfully,

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