

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

**Dear Parents / Carers**

## **Success - Nothing Less**

### **Governors and Staffing**

It has been a fantastic first half of the Spring Term at Carew and a very busy one. We have had our whole school Religious Studies Theme Day on Islam, a Music Concert and Sleepover, Chinese New Year Celebrations and a trip to Jamie's Farm to name but a few!

This half term we have Work Experience for all our Year 10 and 11 students, our Upper School Residential and the School Talent Show; alongside numerous other trips and visits to enrich our curriculum.

I hope you found yesterday's Parents' Evening useful for catching up on how your son or daughter is doing at Carew. If you do have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not wait for the opportunity to be invited in, please contact us immediately so we can discuss these with you.

As we move towards the start of the Summer Term I thought it would be useful to update families about our Local Governing Body and changes to staffing.

### **Local Governing Body:**

The Local Governing Body are a team of volunteers who oversee the Leadership and Management of Carew. They each hold a portfolio area to ensure that we are getting things right. Governors act as a "critical friend" providing both support and challenge to the school.

Our Governors are:

- Paul Chambers: Chair of Governors and portfolio holder for School Ethos and Vision.  
(Paul is Deputy Headteacher of the Skills Hub School in Hillingdon)
- Janet Sherborne: Vice Chair of Governors and portfolio holder for Safeguarding.  
(Janet is Executive Head of Orchard Hill College)
- Annette Acik: Parent Governor and portfolio holder for Human Resources.  
(Annette is parent to Naime in Edinburgh Class)
- Kevin Leggatt: Co-opted Governor and portfolio holder for Financial Management.  
(Kevin is a Chartered Accountant with AIG)
- Stephen Brooks: Staff Governor and portfolio holder for Business and Marketing.  
(Stephen is our Lower School Teacher of Physical Education)
- Ruth Duggan: Co-opted Governor and portfolio holder for Teaching and Learning.  
(Ruth is Deputy Headteacher of Eagle House School in Sutton)
- Joy O'Connor: Parent Governor and portfolio holder for Business and Marketing.  
(Joy is parent to Jason in Dublin Class)
- Sandra Butcher: Parent Governor and Head of the Carew Friends  
(Sandra is parent to Billy in Brasilia Class)

## **Staffing Changes:**

At the end of the Spring Term David Thomas (Head of Lower School) and Emmet Murphy (Head of Upper School) will be leaving Carew Academy. Both David and Emmet are taking up promoted posts at other schools within Orchard Hill Academy Trust. David has been appointed Deputy Head of Orchard Hill College and Emmet has been appointed Deputy Head of Dysart School.

David and Emmet will both be hugely missed at Carew, their energy and enthusiasm alongside the close support of all our families is our loss, but Orchard Hill and Dysart's gain! I wish them the very best for the future and I know they will still be coming back to see us.

David's class will be taken by Lucy Davey who is currently Head of Lower School Mathematics. Emmet's class will be taken by Natalie Taylor who is currently Head of Literacy at Bensham Manor School in Croydon.

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Joe Shepherd (currently Lead Teacher for the Arts) as Head of Upper School Years 11 – 13 and Natalie Taylor as Head of Upper School Years 8 – 10. Natalie will be joining us from Bensham Manor and will take over the leadership of the current Year 7 when she arrives to ease their transition into Year 8.

We are interviewing next week for our new Head of Lower School who will take the lead for Brasilia, Cardiff and London classes and lead the transition for our new Year 7 students.

Jack Lucas will be taking over Washington D.C class from Lucy Davey as she moves to Cardiff.

We appreciate that changes in staffing can be difficult for students and for parents, if you have any queries please contact the school to discuss them.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that our new school will be known as "The Futures Academy" when it opens. This name was chosen as it highlights why we are here – to ensure bright futures for every student we work with, ensuring they become happy and confident members of society.

The final site for the new school has still not been confirmed we will let parents know once we have received planning permission; last week Councillor Ruth Dombey attended a naming ceremony to find out what students would like in their new school – photos are on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring Success and Nothing Less for our students.



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