



The Cavendish School

June 2017

School Progress Update

Dear Parents,

I have written to you before highlighting our intention to re-launch the school in September with a clear and determined focus to raise standards in all that we do. It is obvious that the school has faced many challenges over recent years and general disruption in leadership and other operational issues have undoubtedly impacted upon general educational provision. During the recent Ofsted Inspection a vast majority of students reported to inspectors that they felt safe and generally happy at school but that they were also on occasion, frustrated with distractions preventing them making progress commensurate with their ability.

Likewise, many parents reported similar frustrations but in common with our students, they also reported that in recent months there has been a significant shift in expectations throughout all key stages and there are now clear signs of improvement, particularly in terms of behaviour management. Ofsted Inspectors made the same observations.

Teachers and support staff will be engaged in an intensive training and preparation programme throughout the remainder of the summer term. In September, there will be a drive to raise expectations from all our students to ensure they reach their full potential, regardless of their ability. Clear and consistent applications of simple behaviour policies, assessment schemes and a commitment to our Character Development Programme will allow all students to be successful, both academically and in other activities outside of the classroom.

New Head of School: Mr David Fisher

In order to strengthen the operational leadership of the school, I am delighted to announce that the Governors have appointed Mr David Fisher as the temporary Head of School with immediate effect. Mr Fisher will act in operational authority during the periods I am at Kings Langley School and provide me with extra facility to focus on strategic and other plans going forward. However, parents should be aware that I retain overall responsibility for the running and good order of the school.

Kind regards

Mr Gary Lewis
Executive Headteacher