

Chamberlayne College for the Arts

"Working together we all succeed"



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A school with specialist status in the performing arts

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Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Update

Following on from the announcement earlier this year that Mr Scott has left the college, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on further developments and to keep you abreast of improvements as they happen or are planned at the college.

Until the Governing Body appoint a replacement headteacher, I, with the full support of the Governing Body and the Local Authority, am delighted to take on the role of Acting Headteacher in this interim period. Changes such as this always bring their challenges. However, they also bring opportunities. Myself, my great team of staff, the Governors and the Local Authority are all fully committed to ensuring that these opportunities translate into positive learning experiences for all of our students.

I, like you, am passionate about children getting the right experiences at school. School should be a place of learning foremost where students gain academic skills and knowledge alongside developing personal and social skills all of which should be designed to truly help them navigate a fruitful and rewarding life.

In order to enable our students to access a superb education that does all of the above, we have or are in the process of introducing some changes to the way we do business. The most important changes are:

- a) a superb student reward system (Epraise) that can be accessed by parents;
- b) a very effective homework record system that can be accessed by parents;
- c) possible alteration to the structure of the school day from Feb half term;
- d) a clear and robust updated and revised behaviour management policy;
- e) simplified progress reports that focus on whether students are making expected progress or not;
- f) informative termly newsletters to parents;
- g) an updated and fully refreshed website from Apr 2017;
- h) regular parent forums designed to build further on the strong links between parents and the school.

I have attached to this letter a more detailed breakdown of some of the changes, in the form of 'Guidance Notes', that hopefully explains them in appropriate detail. Please take a couple of minutes to read them and respond as necessary.

I am very keen to gather the views of parents on a whole range of issues. To that end, we are arranging a number of parent/carers forums which will be held in small groups, meeting with myself to discuss, informally, whole school issues that, both positive and negative. The forums are not designed to discuss individual and/or personal concerns about a student or event. The normal process of contacting the school should be followed for that purpose. The forums are an excellent opportunity for us to explore



how we can best partner with you to ensure that we fully embed a culture at Chamberlayne that will allow all of our students to achieve academically and flourish personally.

If you are interested in attending a parent forum, we would appreciate it if you would return the reply slip to your child's tutor by Friday the 3rd February 2017. We will then contact you with possible dates and times for our first group of forum meetings.

Yours faithfully



N Giles
Acting Headteacher

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR AT CHAMBERLAYNE COLLEGE
FOR THE ARTS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 3rd February 2017**

Name:

Child's/Children's name:

Tutor group(s):

I/we would like to attend a parent/carer forum

I/we would not like to attend a parent/carer forum