

Chamberlayne College for the Arts

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A school with specialist status in the performing arts

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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to update you on recent developments at the school. On Thursday 11th May, I was appointed as Headteacher of Chamberlayne College for the Arts by the governing body. This post begins with immediate effect.

I am absolutely delighted to be afforded the opportunity to continue leading the school on its exciting journey of improvement. The last five months have seen significant change and I am pleased that we are now able to focus, with certainty, on our exciting future. As acting Headteacher I have been clear of my vision to improve the education opportunities of our students and this will not change. Since January my staff and I have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of education that your child receives. We have been unerring in our insistence that children come to school to learn and that they have a right to a superb quality education.

It has now been three months since Ofsted visited and we have had our first monitoring visit from the local authority. This was an important milestone in our journey of improvement so I would like to update you on the findings. The review was extremely complimentary of the students and of the atmosphere across the school. Lessons were calm, orderly and students were positive of the changes recently implemented.

The report stated: *'The school is making sufficient progress in addressing its areas for improvement.'* It also referenced: *'The acting headteacher has a firm grip on driving improvements. He is well supported by the seconded DHT and some other leaders. Much has been achieved immediately before the inspection and since, and the school is becoming well placed to address the many shortcomings in provision and outcomes identified in the inspection report. The school development plan has the capacity to steer improvements and to be the means by which governors, and others, can hold leaders to account for the extent and rate of improvements.'*

We are well aware that we have a journey to travel to reach our ambitious goals, however I truly believe we are well on our way. In recent weeks I have shown a lot of prospective candidates for advertised posts and prospective parents round the school. I have found myself beaming with pride at the way our young people are engaging and learning in lessons. Staff continue to work hard to ensure that the environment for students to make superb progress is in place.

As always, I am available to meet parents who would like further information about the improvements or would like a tour of the school in operation.

Please do take a moment to read the parents' school improvement plan that is on the school website as this will be updated half-terminally. If you would like to join one of our parent forum groups, please contact my PA, Mrs Shacklock on 023 80425109.

Yours faithfully

N S Giles
Headteacher