June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Change is a-foot' (June 2023)

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the academic year. Much time has been spent in recent weeks planning for the next academic yeah and ensuring new students are well inducted into the life of the school. For that purpose it was a joy to welcome our new Year 7 parents this week to the school as we explained what they can expect from the early weeks of secondary education at Finham Park School.

Even though we are approaching the end of term, we don't slow down. Final preparations for FinhamFest are being made, our international trips are still ongoing to France, Germany and Spain, as well as various external reviews into the school this month. These reviews included a review of behaviour, attitudes and curriculum design. Our plans for the next academic year has been tested as we move to a three-year key stage 3. Subject leaders have been working across the Trust with colleagues in other schools to co-construct curriculum plans and assessments for years 7 to 9. This was presented to our parents forum this month, which was held in person. enabling us to outline the changes to our reporting system at key stage 3. In essence, we shall be reporting student attainment against published assessment criteria where we will be able to demonstrate whether students are 'working towards', 'working at', or performing at 'greater depth' in relation to these assessment statements in years 7, 8 and 9. These criteria will be published on our website and will be in the front of all student exercise books in September.

Finham Park School KS3 Computer Science Assessment Statements – Year 7					FINHAM PARK SOHOOL
Working Towards	¥==	Working At	¥ <u>=</u>	Greater Depth	¥= *=
I can use at least one software application effectively.		I can use a range of software applications effectively.	-	I can confidently use more advanced software applications.	
I can use google classroom to access my lesson online.	s 🗆	I understand how to use technology to communicate and collaborate with others.		I consistently use technology to effectively collaborate with others.	
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This month, the languages department put together a competitive bid to be one of the DfE's new 15 languages hubs. We engaged in a number of stages for selection including application, short listing and interview. We now wait for the outcome this week. Much of the application was focused on the Modern Foreign Languages Pedagogy Review (Sir Ian Bauckham, 2016) which made 14 recommendations including the desire for the majority of young people to study a language to GCSE, develop biliteracy skills, strengthen language transition from primary to secondary schools and to develop systematic development of early career teachers' subject specific knowledge. We will be working with seven schools across Coventry and Warwickshire in the initial phase of this three-year contract to enable the growth of language learning to be realised.

Yours faithfully,

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