

Dear Parents/Carers.

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

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.

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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