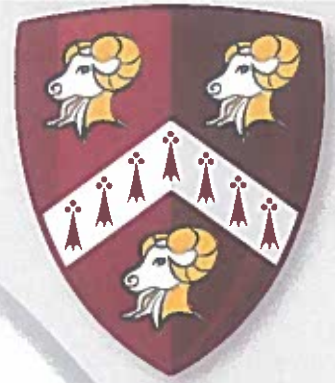


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Dear Parents/Carers

This term has yet again passed quickly and I would like to thank you for your continued support. The record breaking GCSE results in the summer indicate we are continually improving; providing a good education for the children of Halstead and the surrounding area and making progress to achieve our aim of being "an outstanding school in the heart of the community." We are delighted that the 2018 results place us in the top 20% of Essex schools for most progress made by students based on their ability levels

The recent Achievement Awards Evening celebrated the success of former students. We were delighted Simon Thompson, Executive Officer for the Association of Secondary Headteachers in Essex was able to attend and present the awards. Simon was previously Executive Headteacher of NEMAT and worked closely with The Ramsey Academy several years ago. Many of the students have progressed to post-16 studies or apprenticeships and it was fantastic to hear their stories of new challenges and future plans.

Following the resignation of Mrs Elizabeth Ward as Chair of Governors, I am delighted to announce her replacement is Mr Paul Harrison. He has extensive experience working with a number of secondary and primary schools as Financial Director in the local area. Also, Mrs Kate Rugg has decided to step down from her role as governor. On behalf of staff and students I would like to thank her for her contribution to the improvements at the school.

As normal the during the term there are staff changes a variety of reasons. This term we say goodbye to Mrs O'Shea (Pathways Manager), Mrs Woods (Learning Support), Mrs Moran (Learning Support), Mrs Warner (Media & Communication Co-ordinator) and Mrs Bowyer (MDA). On behalf of the students, staff and Governors I would like to offer them our best wishes for the next few months.

We have a number of new colleagues who have joined us during the term and will join us in January. Miss Ellis (Learning Support), Miss Retter and Mrs Koster (Reception), Mrs Jolly (Pastoral Manager) and Mrs Newton (Pathways Manager).

The final day of this term is Tuesday 18 December with students being dismissed at 3.00 p.m. A reminder that the first day back for students is Tuesday 8 January 2019.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are working hard to encourage our students to have high aspirations and pride in themselves as well as the school. Please support us by ensuring they attend school on time, are fully equipped for lessons and wear the correct uniform.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully


Rob James
Headteacher