

Dear Parents and Carers,

31 March 2021

I hope that you are well and managing to enjoy the early spring sunshine this week and some of the new freedoms as we emerge from the period of lockdown. As we marked the anniversary of the beginning of the first period of national lockdown in school last week, we have continued to remember and pray for all those who have been affected by the on-going pandemic.

I am writing this as my last letter to you before I leave to take up my new role as Principal of a large secondary school in Walsall. I am looking forward to the new challenge however, I will be very sad to leave The King's after five very happy years here. The school has changed considerably in my time as Principal and hopefully you will agree that there have been significant improvements. I know that the school is now built on a very firm foundation with incredibly supportive parents and governors, a committed and talented team of staff who provide the highest levels of care, guidance, stretch and challenge for our pupils and of course an amazing body of pupils who care deeply about their school and each other. It has been a pleasure to have been leading such an amazing school over the past five years and I know that, for The King's, the best is yet to come!

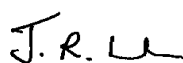
I look forward to hearing about the continued success of everyone associated with the school as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic and wish everyone all the best for the future. I hope that I will be invited back to the school in the years to come to share in the academic and personal success of your children. I know that Miss Langley will provide outstanding leadership as she takes over as Principal of the school. Thank you for all your kind messages of support and encouragement over recent weeks and over the time that I have been working at The King's. They have meant a lot to me.

At the end of term we also say goodbye to Mrs Maqsood who has been teaching maths here at The King's. She is about to begin her maternity leave and we wish her all the best and look forward to hearing her good news. We also say farewell to Mrs Johal who has been teaching Art. Both have made a really positive impact at our school and have delivered high quality lessons both in 'normal' times and with remote learning during the lockdown period. I am delighted that we have appointed Mr Dyke, an experienced maths teacher, who will be taking a leadership role within the maths department after Easter.

I would just like to remind everyone that term ends for pupils on Wednesday 31st March and that the 1st April is a Teacher Training Day. We remain closed for the Easter holidays until Monday 19th April when the summer term will begin at the usual time of 9.15am. Although I will not be there to greet the pupils on this day, we are all looking forward to beginning the summer term, seeing our pupils dressed smartly in their correct school uniform. Please check our website for details if you are unsure.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful, joyful and safe Easter break.

Best Wishes



James Ludlow
Principal