



Governor Termly

Newsletter

Summer Term 2023

As the school year draws to a close, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I reflect upon the progress and achievements we have witnessed at The Holgate Academy. Our dedicated staff, students, and leadership team have worked tirelessly to create an environment that fosters growth, learning and excellence.

This year we have seen smooth and effective transitions within our leadership team, with the appointment of Henry Diamond as the Acting Head of School. These changes have been carried out seamlessly, ensuring continuity and stability for our students and staff during a challenging period. The newly formed leadership team has demonstrated their commitment to the betterment of the Academy through decisive actions and innovative strategies.

In response to the disappointing Ofsted report, the Academy has taken prompt action, leading to very positive changes in behaviour over the course of the year and an improved climate throughout the school. We are pleased to observe that these efforts have resulted in a more focused and engaged learning environment, which enables students to thrive and reach their potential.

As Governors, we have had the pleasure of participating in student awards ceremonies and witnessing firsthand the achievements of our students. We will continue to be involved in recognising and celebrating their success over the summer and beyond. It is truly heartening to see a higher than ever number of students excelling at the academy, reflecting the dedication and hard work of both students and staff.

One of our significant milestones this year has also been the appointment of several new governors, completing our full Committee. These additions bring diverse perspectives and expertise, strengthening our collective ability to support the Academy in achieving its vision and goals.

Vision, Values, and Ethos remain at the core of everything we do at The Holgate Academy. We believe in nurturing a culture of high expectations, fostering resilience and determination and promoting a strong sense of belonging and pride in our school community. These guiding principles have been instrumental in driving the positive changes and progress we have seen this year.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we remain committed to working together as a community to provide the best possible education and opportunities for our students. We believe that every child deserves the chance to succeed, and we will continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of school life.

In closing, I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire Holgate Academy community – students, staff, parents, carers and fellow Governors – for the unwavering support and dedication throughout this transformative year. Your collective efforts have made a significant impact on the lives of students, and we are excited to build upon this foundation in the coming year.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another year of achievement at The Holgate Academy.

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Vice-Chair of Governors