

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and students,

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole academy community – staff, parents, students and governors for their continued support and efforts to drive improvement.

Ofsted came to visit, and we were delighted that they could see the positive changes that have occurred. A few things that the governors were particularly pleased with were:

- The environment at Holgate is calm and suitable for learning
- Attendance is slowly rising
- Pupils' conduct is getting better
- Students in the 6th form get a good deal
- Support for those with SEND is slowly improving

They also commented on how hard the senior leadership team have worked and that they had kept focus on the right priorities that was leading to improvement of the academy.

The governors will continue to hold the academy to account to make sure these improvements continue over the next year and beyond and look forward to working as a team with staff, parents and students to achieve this.

I want to thank leaving governors Andrea Chiarelli, Gyöngyi Klein, Alex Rae and Mark Walker for their commitment to the Local Academy Board and look forward to working with Emma Paine who joins us as a appointed governor from September. We have spaces for more governors and would welcome applications from the local community. Please see the academy website for more information if this is something you could contribute to.

As we come to the end of the academic year, we celebrate the achievements of our student body in our award ceremonies. I am particularly happy to see so many achieving the governor award this year. I also wish students well in their GCSE and A-level outcomes.

I recently met with the students who will be going into year 7 in September and hope they will be as proud to wear their Holgate uniform as I am in my role a Chair of Governors for the Holgate Academy.

I would take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy, safe and restful summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Kind regards

Kate

Kate Turner
Chair of Governors