



To all parents and carers

End of term newsletter from our Chair of Governors

As 2025 draws to a close, governors would like to express their appreciation for the continued hard work of staff, students and parent/carers. We thank everyone for encouraging and ensuring a positive attitude to learning – this can easily be seen when we make our visits into the Academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Year 7s and to welcome back the 6th form to the main site into a recently renovated, fit for purpose suite of rooms. It is so wonderful to see you involved in the whole school again and I have certainly enjoyed having the opportunity for a meet and chat.

As governors we continue to be in awe of the accomplishments of Mr Diamond and the leadership team in growing the reputation and position of Holgate in the local area. This is evidenced by the recent Open Evening which certainly was bigger and better than ever. The Academy is truly going from strength to strength with curriculum enhancements to support all students to achieve their very best. I spoke to so many staff, students and future parents who had such positive comments about the Academy. What an exciting place to be!

We are made aware of the day-to-day successes and challenges of the school through the excellent social media presence as well as in our governor meetings. We try to make it into the Academy as often as we can to see these things in action and talk to staff and students about the impact. I was particularly enthused by the level of preparation seen at the year 11 mock interviews; it was good to see so many with clear aspirations for the future.

We continue with our training to help us understand how academies work as we are not all education trained. We invited Mr Cook to share with us the results of last summer and the plans to make the results of summer 2026 even greater. We also invited in Miss Berry the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator to one of our meetings so we could be better informed of the work being done to ensure that this group of pupils has every opportunity to meet their full potential.

The governing body continues to have a very diverse mix of people who give up their time to challenge and support the Academy. Most recently we have welcomed Paul Simpson (who is a former head of the sixth form) into our governor team. Our collective goal is always to make sure that Holgate students can achieve their best possible outcomes with their health, safety and wellbeing at heart.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely rest over the holidays and look forward to meeting with more of you next year. Governors are represented at most Academy events wearing green lanyards – so please do come over and introduce yourselves.

Kate Turner
Very proud Chair of Governors
Holgate Local Academy Committee

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