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Dear Parents/Students

Reflecting on this academic year, it is evident that Cranbourne has had much to celebrate and we thank you as the Cranbourne and Fort Hill Federation Governing Body for your continued support. It is also the case that both schools in the Federation have faced challenges which they have undoubtedly approached more effectively as a result of their collaboration.

We had a very disappointing Ofsted report at Cranbourne this year, as a result of which several procedures have already been put in place and actions taken to ensure rapid improvement and address the recommendations made by the report. The Local Authority has been offering the school extra support, and I am pleased to say that they have been very positive about the school's current trajectory.

Due to outcome of the Ofsted report, we are required, as per government legislation, to become an academy. This process has started with the Department for Education's preferred choice of sponsor coming to the school to carry out some due diligence inspections. Over the next few months, we will be working hard to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible, so that there is as little disruption to the students as possible. Academisation provides the College with many exciting opportunities for it to progress, more of which I will share with you in the new academic year.

After many years of service at Cranbourne and subsequently with the Federation, we are sad to have to inform you that Mrs Elkins has decided to step down from her role as Executive Headteacher of the Federation. Mrs Elkins has been at Cranbourne since April 2006 and during that time she has shown tremendous commitment to the students and staff. In the last few years, she had also taken on the role of Executive Headteacher of the Cranbourne and Fort Hill Federation and her commitment to the extra workload in this role has been exemplary. We wish her the very best for the future and sincerely thank her for her dedication to the schools in the Federation and its students and staff.

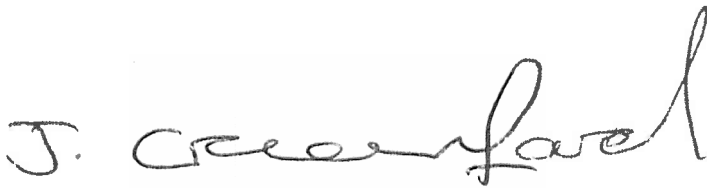
The Local Authority, at our request, has provided us with a new Acting Headteacher. We would like to reassure you that we are doing our utmost to ensure that the process has minimal disruption to the work of students and staff. We are very pleased to see the work that the Federation with Fort Hill Community School has facilitated in terms of sharing good practice and hope that this great work will continue in the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for all the hard work they have put in to their studies over the past year and the support that you, as parents and guardians, have offered them. I would also like to thank all the staff for their commitment throughout the year.

As previously mentioned, I will be communicating with you regularly during the next academic year, via a termly letter, to ensure you are well informed on the new leadership at Cranbourne and the College's progress towards academisation.

I wish you all a restful summer break.

Yours faithfully  
On behalf of the Governing Body

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

John Crawford  
Chair of Governors