31 March 2017

Dear Families,

Thank you for everything you and your children have been involved in at school this term. It has been a happy and successful term. We are particularly proud of how our students and staff got involved in a wide range of social and enrichment activity outside the curriculum. These include theatre trips, Performing Arts evening, PTA quiz nights, outward bound trips, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, school discos, speech competitions, art competitions and more besides. We have been working hard to make sure every student gets these opportunities as it has such a positive effect on the atmosphere of the school.

We are due an Ofsted inspection soon. Knowing it might come has made us look at how far the school has come since the last inspection in March 2014. Our top-level achievement has improved significantly with the percentage of students achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE rising from 73% to 81%. However, we know that this is not enough alone. One of Teddington School’s main principles is that everyone who comes to Teddington School has the chance to make as much progress as they can, regardless of their starting point. On that measure we have also improved significantly.

The chart below shows how our students achieved in 2013 and 2016. As you can see, in 2013, there was a big difference in the progress that different types of students made. In particular students who started their life at the school at a lower point did not do as well as others and achieved well below what was expected of them. The chart on the right hand side shows how the students did in 2016. All of our students now perform significantly above what would be expected of them.
We will keep on making sure everyone achieves better because they come to Teddington School; it’s a great place to work and learn. Thanks again for helping making it possible.

As recognition of everyone’s hard work so far this year, and to save myself from being asked five hundred times a day by the students, I am prepared to give in to their requests to bring forward the start of summer uniform wearing this year. They have worn me down, (especially the Year 10 football team!), and so can, if they want to, wear the summer uniform from the first day back after Easter. Normal uniform can still be worn, of course, as long as it is worn properly. A reminder to Year 11 families that Year 11 students will be able to wear their own appropriate non uniform clothes from Monday 15 May for the modified timetable and exams.

Have a very restful Easter break. I look forward to seeing everyone return on Tuesday 18 April 2017 for the start of the summer term.

Yours sincerely

John Wilkinson
Headteacher