

5 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher Introduction

Following on from the letter you received from the school at the end of the summer term, I thought it was important to write and give you a further update as the new headteacher of Westside School.

I am joining a successful and happy family community after 20 years' experience in a variety of schools across London and the South East. I value and believe in inclusion and the potential of all young people to succeed. Westside will continue to offer exceptional pastoral care and support, while at the same time, delivering successful outcomes for all our students.

Undoubtedly, there will be changes over the school year; a new headteacher will often seek to implement changes in order to continue the progress which has been made. As the school year progresses, I will keep you fully informed of all important developments.

We have made a number of changes to the school term dates and full details are enclosed. In addition, I wanted to highlight a number of key dates:

Tuesday 4th October 2016

Year 11 parents evening: 3:30 to 5:30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with me and the rest of teaching staff, and have a briefing on the calendar for the year and what will be expected of the Year 11s and you for them to succeed in their GCSEs.

Thursday 6th October 2016

Open Day: I also wanted to offer you the opportunity to meet with me, other senior colleagues and view the school during the normal day. We will run this in three sessions during the day:

- 9:30 – 10:30
- 11:30 – 12:30
- 1:45 – 2:45

If you would like to visit during any of these times on the **6th of October**, please email office@westsideschool.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

We will also implement half-termly academic assessments for all students. These will normally take place in the penultimate week of each half term. We will send reports out shortly after.

I trust your son or daughter has settled well into the new term and I look forward to meeting with you in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact the school, if you wish to ask any further questions.



Yours sincerely

Mr Reilly
Headteacher