

5th March 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope this letter finds everyone well as we begin to approach the Spring season.

I have a few 6th Form updates for you:

- Bonnie Tate, Assistant Principal for 6th Form, will be moving on from Meadowfield following the upcoming Easter break. We would like to thank Bonnie for her leadership of the 6th Form and we wish her well for her next chapter. We will soon advertise for a new Assistant Principal and we hope to appoint for September. During the summer terms (April – July) I will be the 6th Form lead and will be based at Ufton Lane for the majority of the week. I look forward to working with and supporting all of the 6th Form students, staff and parents in the upcoming months.
- Emma Such, Teacher in Atlantis is currently not in school. We are working hard to ensure that pupil learning is not disrupted during her absence and we will notify you when Emma returns.
- Michael Gibbons, Teacher in Endeavour, will not be returning after the Easter break and we wish him all the very best in his next steps. We are working swiftly to recruit a new Teacher for Endeavour Class; however, you will be aware that recruitment is a huge challenge nationally across a range of professions. We will work diligently to ensure that students learning is not disrupted and promise to do our best to ensure continuity and consistency for the students. We will keep you updated on the recruitment process.

I have had several students request an end of year 6th Form Prom, and I am at the early stages of organising this event. You may be aware that we held proms in the past, pre-pandemic, that were hugely successful. I am looking at possible locations including The Coniston in Sittingbourne and the Abbey Hotel in Minster. I will come back to you soon with more details plus keep in mind I am open to any and all ideas on how to make the 6th Form Prom extra special for our young adults. There will be a cost to attend, but again, I will come back to you once I have more information.

Lastly, I'd like to tell you about several improvements we are making to the 6th Form environment:

- Acoustic panels have been installed onto the ceiling to reduce the echo in the hall
- Displays and signage are being refreshed
- A vending machine has been installed with student rewards, part of a wider reward system (further details to be shared soon)
- Two of the classrooms have had additional doorways added that will now lead directly to small, adjacent learning areas
- New furniture has been ordered for the main hall which will give students an alternative learning space as needed
- I am currently securing quotes for outdoor gym equipment
- A canopy for the entrance will soon be installed to give the 6th Form a more welcoming feel as well as providing shelter at the front of the building

I will continue to keep you updated through the coming months and as always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Principal