

14th December 2010

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Thank you for making me so welcome during my first term as Headteacher at Collegiate High School. It has been a very busy time with a large number of activities and changes at school and I thank you for your continued support.

At the beginning of December, the school was visited by an inspector who judged that "the School has made excellent progress this term and has made some significant improvements linked to the appointment of a new Head and Deputy." Also, "The school can be rightly pleased with its summer outcomes exceeding all expectations and targets being the highest in the school for the past 4 years, and maths outcomes are above the LA average. The new Headteacher has brought in a number of key important improvements to such areas as Quality Assurance, Performance Management, Behaviour and attendance – attendance is the highest it has been for over 5 years at 93.7%. Accountability has also been much improved."

I am delighted with the progress the school has made this term and pleased that this has been recognised by external inspectors. This is a reflection of the hard work by all our staff and students and your on-going support.

I would be most grateful if you would take particular note of the following key dates and actions:

Closure for Christmas

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 16th December at 12 noon and re-opens on Tuesday, 4th January 2011.

School times

From January 4th 2011 the school day will begin at 8.40am. This change is in direct response to parental requests and consultation. Please be aware that students should be at school, in their classrooms, at 8.40 am and will therefore need to arrive at school slightly earlier. School will be open from 8.00 am every morning and breakfast will be available from this time. Students who are regularly late to school will receive a sanction.

Uniform

Please find attached the school uniform requirements. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of the new term. Trainers are not allowed to be worn at school other than for sports activities.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support for our work this term and please accept my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours faithfully



Ms C Ridgway BSc NPQH
Headteacher