

Wednesday 19th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I write this letter as we are all looking forward to the summer break. It has been an unbelievably busy year with both a successful Ofsted and approval for BOA Digital. The general election has ensured education remains high profile but the uncertainty regarding funding and Brexit is not helping with our strategic planning for the future. Hopefully, when we return in September, there will be more stability than we have seen in the previous 12 months.

Our performance and exhibition schedule has been as gruelling and packed as ever. Far too much activity for a newsletter and I also refer to these in my blog, which can be viewed by following this link: <https://goo.gl/sxa3wF>.

BOA staff and students are a delight to work with and generate a superb, lively environment to work in. It is a privilege and a pleasure to lead such a school. On Monday, we had seven visitors from the British Fashion Industry. It is amazing how much we replicate their industry: design, creativity, staging shows, digital media. They left enthused. Maybe BOA Fashion in the future!

As with every year, we are saying goodbye to staff. We wish them well in their future careers and thank them for all they have done at BOA. We also welcome the new staff. Friday 14th July was a planning day for all staff and it was lovely to welcome the new teachers before they start back on Thursday 31st August.

Leavers

Alison Chapman	Director of MT (returning on a part time basis)
Anton Chisholm	Teacher of Mathematics
Richard Everest	Teacher of Science
Emma Fallon	Teacher of Science
Luke Hall	Teacher of Music
Scott Hamblett	Teacher of Mathematics
Kieron Howe	Director of Music
Sophie Hubble	Teacher of Dance
Richard Huzzey	Teacher of History
Kate Leech	Teacher of English
Daisy Moorcroft	Teacher of Dance
Alex O’Nions	IT Technician
Isobel Outhwaite	Finance Assistant
Matthew Pickford	Teacher of Mathematics
Joel Sherrard	Teacher of Music
Adele Thomas	Teacher of Dance
Winston Thornton-Clarke	Teacher of Art

New Staff

Holly Arnold	Teacher of Dance
Sarah Atkins	Head of House and Teacher of English
Dan Branch	Director of MT
Jason Cortese	Teacher of Science
Rachel Fox	Teacher of Dance
Toni Grehan	Director of Music
Tom Kinsella	Teacher of Music
Hannah McGhee	Teacher of Dance
Gill Neuenhaus	Finance Assistant
Robert Paterson	Teacher of History
Jonathon Salisbury	Teacher of Music/Music Technology
Gurpreet Sandhu	Teacher of Maths
Daniel Summers	Teacher of Singing in MT
Jermaine Wilkinson	Teacher of Maths
Tara Withe	Lead Practitioner for Maths
Rian Holloway	Returned from maternity on 17 th July
Danielle Grieve	Returning from maternity in October

Cladding/Fence

As yet, I am still waiting for the results of the cladding. The new fence will start to be erected over the summer holidays.

Information Packs

You will receive an information pack via post mid-August. Please read and return any documentation. It is important we have up to date contact details and that we are informed of any changes in circumstance. The pack will also include key dates for the new academic year.

Start of Term Dates

Thursday 31st August / Friday 1st September - Staff Training Day

Monday 4th September - Year 10 at BOA at 9am

Year 12 one to one interviews from 11.30am onwards

Tuesday 5th September - Year 12 one to one interviews from 9am onwards

Wednesday 6th September - Year 11 at BOA for 9am

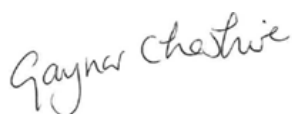
Thursday 7th September - Year 13 to the Old Rep Theatre for 11am

Monday 11th September - Year 12 at the Old Rep Theatre at 9am

School will finish at 12.15pm on Friday 21st July.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Gaynor Cheshire
Principal