



# ALLESTREE WOODLANDS SCHOOL

20th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now at the end of a very long and busy academic year at Allestree Woodlands School. As we break up for the summer holiday, I wanted to thank you for your continued support for your children and the school.

We have had an extra busy time at the end of term this year and far from 'winding down', we have sprinted to the finish! The school have laid on so many enrichment activities in the last two weeks, all of which we know have had a very positive impact on your child. These activities have included:

- Year 10 on Work Experience
- Annual Year 7-9 Presentation Evening
- Annual Art Exhibition
- Design Technology Exhibition and Fashion Show
- Community Tea party organised by the Sixth Form
- Trips to Cologne and Barcelona
- Summer Concert
- Annual Healthy Living Days for Years 7-9 with in-school workshops on: Year 7 multi-activities; healthy eating; meditation; circuit training; first aid; transplant education; awareness of drug and alcohol abuse; hate crime awareness; the 'Race for Life'; Staying safe; contraception; Your choice – crime avoidance; Year 7 Creativity Day; Year 8 Humanities Day; Year 9 Technology Day;
- The Annual Activities Day with trips to Alton Towers, Cariba Creek Water Park, Fishing, the Snow dome at Tamworth, Paintballing, West Midlands Safari Park, Drayton Manor Park and Zoo, Alter Rock Climbing Centre and London
- University (UCAS) and Post-18 preparation day
- Annual Enrichment Day:
  - Creativity Day for Year 7
  - Humanities Day – Remembering the Holocaust
  - Technology Day for Year 9

This term's '**Education Extra**' is available to view on the school website from today. It is a fantastic record of school life during the summer term 2017. This publication celebrates the breadth and achievement of Woodlands as a school and I hope you enjoy reading it.

**I am sure you will join me in thanking all those involved in organising these amazing activities. I pay tribute to the energy and enthusiasm of all my staff, without whom these activities would not be possible.**

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We say goodbye to the following members of staff at the end of term:

- Mrs Gomm, teacher of RE.
- Mrs Anderson, teacher of technology who has been at the school since 2002
- Mr Stephens, teacher of computing
- Mr Green, teacher of business studies
- Mrs Burnett, teacher of English, who has been at the school since 2005
- Dr Bhattacharya, teacher of physics
- Miss Burn, teacher of technology
- Miss Tordoff, Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Jarvis, teacher of the deaf since 2002, has decided to take early retirement after 35 years in the profession

I am sure you will join me in thanking these members of staff for all their service to the school. We wish them well as they leave us for pastures new. We particularly wish Mrs Jarvis a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Details of the new staff joining Woodlands will be in the first newsletter of the new term.

Please refer to a document, emailed to you a few weeks ago, which details our **school uniform requirements** for all years. A copy is also available on the school website. Please continue to support the school in ensuring that your child always meets these requirements.

Finally, all students return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 according to the following timetable:**

- **Year 7 - 8.45am in the school theatre**
- **Year 12 - 9.45am in the school theatre**
- **Year 13 - 10.30am in the school theatre**
- **Years 8-11 - 11.30am**

**All students must be in full school uniform.**

**From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, all students should be in school by 8.40am ready for starting school at 8.45am.** We will be insisting on hard work, proper uniform, good attendance, punctuality, and good behaviour from all students at all times, and I ask you to continue to support the school in these matters.

I wish you all a very relaxed and safe summer holiday. I look forward to welcoming students back to school all refreshed and eager to go in September. The new academic year will be extremely important for your son or daughter as they embark on the next stage of their education here at Allestree Woodlands School.

Yours faithfully,

