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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Dear parents, carers and families

### **Endeavour House**

I am delighted to share with you that we have had our unannounced full two day inspection of Endeavour House this week. Two inspectors joined us on Wednesday and Thursday and inspected us under the new inspection framework. Our report is likely to be published in a months' time and I look forward to sharing this with you. The inspector started his feedback by saying it had been a 'fascinating' two days with us and thanked the SLT for their transparency.

The two days filled me with pride in how much our young people are achieving, the care staff provide and the high aspiration that all staff set for them. Thank you to all staff for their relentless enthusiasm, team work and pride in the young people. Whilst the inspection was a whole team effort, I must single out Adam Lawrence for his exceptional leadership and management skills, vision and passion for all that he does in driving standards for our young people.

### **Executive Principal**

As you are aware, the Multi Academy Trust have been interviewing for an Executive Principal. It is my pleasure in announcing to you that Derek Kitchin has been appointed from September 2017. Derek will oversee all three of the Academy Schools and Academy development.

Derek is currently a Headteacher of the 'Ofsted Outstanding' multi-based resource Wirral Hospitals School. Derek was attracted by the Academy Trust philosophy and the opportunity to have an impact on an ambitious and outward facing Trust that believes all

children and young people have an entitlement to education, and that we must work hard and smart to ensure it is as good as it can be.

Derek will be a significant asset to the Trust – in addition to being an inspirational school leader he is also an Ofsted Inspector with a national reputation of being one of the best in the business.

### **Book Bags**

I do hope that you have enjoyed your child coming home with their new Endeavour book bag and reading books. We have been delighted by the response that we have had from publishing companies including Harper Collins, The Book Shop – Thame, Miles Kelly, Badger Learning and Usborne Books, in donating a vast array of excellent new books for our students.

I am very much looking forward to visiting classes and Endeavour House next week during National Story Month to read some stories to the children.

### **CCTV**

We have continued to improve our facilities and security across site in ensuring we are doing all that we can to safeguard everyone by installing CCTV cameras on the outside of the building.

### **LAB**

Just to keep you aware that the Local Advisory Board met last week. My thanks to our excellent LAB members for their hard work, scrutiny and holding me to account for the running and management of the school. It is a pleasure working with them.

### **Academic Year 2017 - 2018**

Further to my message last week re early closure of education next academic year, just to reiterate that this will only take effect on Fridays with education finishing at 1:15pm from September 2017.

To finish on this week's quote:

*"Your worth  
consists in what you are  
and not in what you have."*

*(Thomas A. Edison)*

Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke  
Principal