

July 2014

Dear Parent

I write to you with the final update of this academic year. A copy of the Regents Park Review will come home via your child this week. This outlines some of the activities from this term and also included on the back page are dates for your diary. You will also find a letter from Mr Fielder (chair of the IEB) inviting parents to apply to become a governor on the new Shadow Governing Body.

HMI Visit 4th & 5th June 2014

Below are some extracts from the recent report

Achievement of pupils at the school

The gains in achievement reported in the last monitoring inspection have been built on and students are making better progress in all year groups. More lessons include the practical, engaging tasks which the school has identified that students learn from effectively because they help students understand the ideas being studied.

The quality of teaching

Staff enthusiasm to improve teaching remains a feature of the school, and they are sharing good practice more effectively. Staff continue to improve lessons to meet students' varying needs

Behaviour and safety of pupils

Behaviour continues to improve and students report feeling safe at the school. Most students now approach learning positively with increasing engagement in lessons. Year 11 students were keen to point out that many have taken full advantage of after-school and weekend revision sessions.

The quality of leadership in and management of the school

Senior leaders are working well as a team to sustain the staff focus on teaching. The executive headteacher provides clear direction and works well with the head of school to manage tasks between them. The capacity of the school's senior team has grown with support from the partner school. More of the work to improve teaching and monitor the quality of learning is now done by Regents Park leaders

A full copy of the letter can be found on the school's website.



Parent Forum

Thank you to parents who have attended the parent forums this year. I list below, for your diary, dates of parent forum meetings being held next academic year: I look forward to seeing you.

Tuesday 14th October 2014 – 6.00 – 7.00pm

Tuesday 23rd June 2015 – 6.00 – 7.00pm

Parents do not have to wait for these events to see me, please contact Fiona Hayward, if you would like a meeting at any point during the year.

Staff goodbyes and welcomes

After many years of teaching at Regents Park we say goodbye to Mrs Keenan, Mrs Hunt and Mr Rudkin who will all be retiring at the end of this academic year. We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Winter, Mr Gillam, Miss Neal, Miss Sambrook, Mr Goldsworthy, Mr Wynne and Mrs Milburn. We wish them well with their new posts. Miss Baker (geography) will be leaving us to continue with her Education Psychologist training, but will still be working to support the humanities area on a part time basis.

I am pleased to welcome to Regents Park, from September, the new members to the teaching staff:

Mrs O'Leary – Curriculum Leader: Maths

Mr Wharton and Mr Hayward : Maths

Miss Crowe, Assistant Curriculum Leader: Science

Mrs Ukahi and Mrs Cornwell: English

Mr Wills : ICT

Miss Dunn: Humanities

The support staff at Regents Park will be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith, Finance & Business Support - Personnel, who will be retiring from her post. We would like to thank Mrs Miller for her support on the school's reception, she will not be leaving Regents Park entirely as she will resume her role as Clerk to the shadow Governing Body as it is formed. Mrs Tavender, Finance & Business Support will start her new role as Study Supervisor from September 2014 and Miss Early is leaving her LSA post and going on to become a learning mentor within the city. Miss Amos has now been appointed Business Manager and we welcome Mr Bemment as the new ICT Network Manager, Miss Tarrant, reception manager, Miss Vear, welfare assistant, Ms Craig, administration and Mr Tyka, LSA.

I wish you and your family a pleasant and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Archibald
Head of School