



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

18 July 2016

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you all for your support this term. It was good to see so many of you at parent's evening last week and of course at our leaver's prom on Friday 8 July when around 115 people attended. Many thanks go to the parent group for all their hard work this year. Thanks go to those of you who have completed your parent questionnaire – I will be sending further copies out by post. This is a really important part of feedback for us and we need as many responses as possible.

This has been a very busy term with too many highlights to list. Pupils really enjoyed our Olympic day on 21 June. This was the last of our theme days this year. Our leaver's assembly last Wednesday was as always a memorable event. We said goodbye to fifteen leavers on Friday we wish them and their families the very best for the future.

Staffing changes

A number of colleagues are leaving us at the end of term. After eighteen years at Highshore Sophia Stewart our food technology teacher is moving out of London. Nahum Canura is returning to Spain after several years of working with us. Sophia and Nahum are both excellent teachers who are outstanding form tutors. We wish them both well with their future plans and thank them for all that they have contributed to our school.

Cat Rolley, our work experience coordinator is leaving us and will be working abroad for a period before moving north. Tony Caldwell our senior SaLT is joining a small independent therapist company near his home. We will be buying back his services two days a week next year whilst we recruit a senior SaLT. Tony and Cat have both been excellent colleagues who have done so much for the young people here. We are so sorry to lose them but are glad that we will continue a link with Tony for the next year.

We are saying goodbye to Lyn Suleyman who has been a teaching assistant here for 15 years, in addition to running our breakfast club and to Melissa Hoyte who has been here for eight years as a TA. We thank them both for the contribution they've made during their time here. They will be missed by us all.

Agency staff moving on are Aleida Isquierdo who is starting teacher training in September, Ellie Holgate who will be starting a Master's degree in September, Collette Lennon and Yasmin Keita. Our thanks go to them all for their hard work and enthusiasm whilst working with us here at Highshore.

End of term

The last day of term is **Wednesday 20 July. School closes for pupils at 1-30.** This is an own clothes day. We will be holding a special assembly in the morning when we look back at the year and say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving.

Holiday programmes

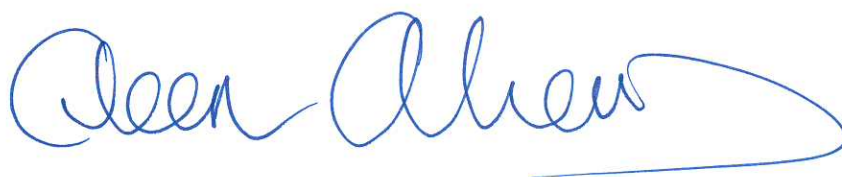
We are running holiday programmes between Monday 25 – Thursday 28 July. Sixteen pupils are taking part in the storytelling workshops. We are again taking part in the Kinetica Bloco summer school alongside pupils from mainstream schools.

Start of term

School opens for pupils on **Wednesday 7th September.** You have already received holiday dates for the next school year. These are also published on our website. Please ensure that all holidays are taken outside of term time. Thank you very much for your support.

On behalf of all staff and Governors Kevin and I wish you a very happy summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eileen Ollieuz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eileen Ollieuz
Headteacher