

20th July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Members of Staff,

Re: End of Year

As we come to the end of another school year, I'd like to reflect on it from the perspective of the governing body.

There have been many challenges this year. Navigating the pandemic once again has affected everyone connected with CFBS, students, parents/carers and teaching and non-teaching staff. However, the school has emerged from its Covid-enforced hibernation. Students have returned to academic life with purpose. They, supported by the superb staff team, have worked extremely hard and we hope they enjoy success in external exams and achieve the destinations that they aspire to reach. The school has also focussed on ensuring that the students have access to a wide range of educational experiences; I am very pleased to see that art, drama, music and PE are once again a key part of the life of the school.

The ongoing building project has made life at CFBS more complicated, but it is nearing completion. Phase 1 has given the school wonderful science laboratories and classrooms for maths and humanities. Phase 2 is due for completion next spring and will provide CFBS with a state-of-the-art sports hall, purpose-built art and music classrooms and a performance space in a stunning former chapel. When completed, the school will finally have exceptional 21st century premises fully befitting an exceptional 21st century school.

The governing body has three core functions: (i) ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school; (ii) holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school; and (iii) overseeing the school's financial performance. Much of our time as governors is spent fulfilling these functions. We meet regularly with the headteacher and members of the senior leadership team to discuss the school, its progress and challenges. We often visit the school and attend school events. We are always struck by the vibrancy and energy of the school community. CFBS is an exciting place and there is much to look forward to. CFBS is an ambitious school with a clear vision and strategic goal: for the school to provide an exceptional education for all its students. As governors, we will continue to play our part in achieving this goal.

The end of the school year is a good time to thank everyone who makes CFBS such a success:

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- the students – the life blood of the school;
- our brilliantly talented and dedicated teaching staff and senior leadership team;
- our dedicated and tireless non-teaching staff;
- And you, the parents and carers, for your continued support of the students and the school

Thank you to you all. Your commitment is greatly appreciated. I wish you a happy and restful summer holiday.

Simon Dodds

Chair of the Governing Body

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