



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

End of Year Message 2023/24

As the school year comes to an end, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to reflect on what has happened and our many accomplishments. This has been a successful year for Central Foundation Boys' School with academic success, cultural success in music, drama and debating, and success on the sports field.

At the beginning of the school year, we took possession of the buildings of Phase 2 of the Campus Development Project. This represented the completion of the project and the result is stunning. For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed the delights of Phase 1 – state-of-the-art science laboratories and a series of modern classrooms for maths and the humanities. This year has brought the wonders of Phase 2, a spectacular arts centre; fabulous music facilities and art rooms; the remarkable sports hall; and a beautiful central courtyard. We have truly special facilities and our students are very fortunate to benefit from them.

The quality of the physical surroundings of the School has been a critical building block for the superb educational provision that the School offers. There is little doubt that academic, cultural and sporting pursuits are enhanced by the physical surroundings in which they are undertaken. But, of course, much more has been needed to create today's institution and to position us to navigate the challenges of the future.

Central Foundation Boys' School has operated for more than 150 years. Its founding principles have been a constant throughout its history. Today, that is reflected in our ethos: to provide an exceptional education for all of our students. Embedded in our ethos is an unwavering belief in the transformative quality of comprehensive education. The intake at Y7 is not merit based. We are a community school that serves the local community and, like the local community, we are remarkably diverse.

Our goal is to enable all of our students to reach their full potential. That can include a place at one of the finest universities in the world; places at other universities; a high-quality apprenticeship; or employment with real prospects.

The word education is worth attention. Academic results are critically important and we are thankful that in past years these have been very strong. Nonetheless, education is more than exam results. It is about educating the "whole person", developing character and ensuring that the young men and women that leave Central Foundation Boys' School are equipped to become productive and engaged members of society. That is why we pay so much attention to our extra-curricular programme. It is remarkable that an inner-city state school is able to offer so extensive and so rich an extra-curricular programme, one that excels at music and drama, sport and debating, and so many other areas. Next year, the School will be initiating its baccalaureate programme, further broadening and deepening the extra-curricular aspects of our offering.

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I'd like to thank the many stakeholders that make Central Foundation such a special place and whose dedication is responsible for our successes. The students who have worked so diligently throughout the year; parents and carers who have provided essential support to the students and to the School; and the Head Teacher, senior leadership team, teaching staff and non-teaching staff whose expertise and commitment is a constant.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful summer holiday and, especially, good luck to students awaiting exam results.

Simon Dodds
Chair of the Governing Body
24 July 2024

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