

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our parents and carers a very Happy New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our students on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> January.

In our staff training day on the 20<sup>th</sup> December we took the opportunity to refocus as a staff body with our core purpose – the maximising of the emotional well-being and positive intellectual growth of all of our students. At the core of the students' development is the wide variety of subjects we deliver to the students. We focus on ensuring the content of each of these subjects is relevant and engaging for all of the students. We believe that the knowledge and skills the students learn from these subjects is our core purpose, however, the public exam results are both important for each individual student and an indicator of the quality of our delivery. We are pleased that the recently published provisional Department for Education performance tables show that CFBS students made the most progress of students in all Islington secondary schools; the performance tables also indicate that we are achieving our ambition of being one of the top performing schools for the education of boys in the country.

A very important part of our provision is our co-curricular activities programme. Its strength was illustrated by the 170 plus students who took part in our winter concert and drama showcase. We run over 70 co-curricular activities each week – there really is something for everyone. I would challenge all of our students to make a New Year's resolution that they will attend at least one of these activities each week.

Unfortunately, I did need to deal with the very distressing issue of the street robberies that a number of our students were the victim of in the weeks running up to the end of term. We continue to work with the police and Islington Local Authority to do all that we can to prevent the occurrence of these robberies. I have provided a link to the information for parents with regard to street safety.

I look forward to meeting you all over the remainder of the year – at parents' evenings and other school events.

My kindest regards,

Mr Brownhill  
Headteacher