



Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of this academic year I shall be leaving Colmers to begin a new adventure and will therefore make way for a new headteacher, who will enjoy the privilege of leading this wonderful school community. As you may imagine, the decision to leave is a tough one given the unique and very special world we live in at Colmers.

Schools are the most spectacular achievements of human beings because they selflessly exist to give us all an equal start and chance in life. And so despite the occasional challenges of leading a school, it is an incredibly special privilege and joy to lead a community such as Colmers. Our modern world can be very unfair and we can all feel held back by disadvantages, but Colmers always has and always will seek to free each child to pursue the life they want and not the life they are given. Our children deserve every opportunity open to every other child in this country and long may our joint determination to deliver on that goal for our children continue.

The Governing Body have begun the process to appoint my replacement and they will of course keep you and your children fully informed along that journey.

There will be other opportunities to reflect on the past and look ahead to the future, but in the meantime there is plenty for me and us all to do, including ensuring that students in Years 11 and 13 are fully prepared for the examinations that will significantly define the rest of their lives.

In other news, we are so proud of our Year 11s for the way they conducted themselves during the three Science days held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Their hard-working teachers were encouraged by equally hard-working students who increasingly realise that the exams are getting very close and there is not a single minute to be wasted. Across English and Maths we are seeing very encouraging signs of accelerating progress in this final furlong and we wish to see that matched across all subjects in the weeks ahead. Years 12s and 13s are brilliant and are showing the kind of commitment and energy that will lead to great success.

Six months is a very long time for me and you to make a big difference in the lives and life-chances of your children and so enough typing and back to work!

Yours sincerely,

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