

21st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that The Yardleian is now available for you to view. This details the vast array of extra-curricular, enrichment and learning opportunities that are available to the students here at the school. Ofsted praised the way in which we educate 'the whole child' in their report. Thank you for supporting us in this.

I would like to inform you that I will be leaving my post at Easter, moving to work in a trust of schools as Chief Education Officer. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as headteacher at Yardleys. I feel we have achieved so much in collaboration.

Yardleys secured an excellent Ofsted report in March 2023. The curriculum has been redesigned, enabling more and more students to take the EBac suite of qualifications, as well as other new and exciting subjects. Our examination outcomes at GCSE continue to surpass the national averages with excellent progress scores for all groups of students. We have an extremely strong Trust Board, overseeing the school with a wide range of skills and qualities. We continue to be seen as a beacon of excellence and support other schools with their improvements.

I am truly humbled to work, in partnership, with so many wonderful and committed colleagues, supportive parents and, most importantly, the students who deserve the very best education. In order to secure a successful transition to new leadership, the trustees, led by Ms Jeane Helme have appointed a Head of School, Mr Basra. He will work closely with me in the Spring term to ensure the school continues to go from strength to strength. Mr Basra, will also assume the acting headteacher role in the summer term before a substantive headteacher is in place from September 2024.

It has been an absolute privilege serving you as headteacher. As leaders of schools, we are merely custodians, responsible for the school for the time we are in post. In that time, we try to build on the strengths of the previous leaders and aim to make further improvements and leave the school in a better place for our successors. Thank you for the trust you place in us and your unwavering support. I truly believe, as Ofsted summed up in their report, that "Yardleys is a unique and special place".

May I remind you that students return for the new term on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

With my sincere best wishes,



NEIL WARNER
Headteacher