

July 2025



Parents and Carers.

We are near the end of an Academic year which has brought with it challenges, sadness and great excitement and hope for the future. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to Kathleen and the Staff. Thanks are also due to Kathleen and all the Staff at Harlow Fields for their hard work and commitment and to our lovely children who together make it the very Special School it is.

A big thank you to our PTA members for their tireless work in raising much needed funds for the school. We have enjoyed several of their successful cake sales, but a very special thank you for all the work and planning that resulted in such a fabulous Summer Fayre. It really was a whole school event and lovely to see Parents, Staff and students, past and present, enjoying the day. We are so grateful for all you do for the school and you are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I hope you have been able to read the letter from Cathryn Adams. Cathryn is Chairing our Improvement Board meetings. We have been fortunate in having monthly meetings with an IB Team who have given us help and advice in supporting our common objective in taking the school forward. The Governors have made several visits into school and we are always grateful for the welcome we receive from Staff. A visit is a good opportunity to hear about the work that is constantly being developed by our amazing staff and all the planning that is in place for the future.

As always at this time of year there are some goodbyes to be made and we wish all the Staff who are leaving us a happy and successful future. We also wish our Year 14 students success and happiness in the pathway they choose to follow. One very sad goodbye was to Jim who retired last week having been a member of the Site Management Team for several years. Site Management is not an easy role and Jim always worked in a quiet, unassuming way and he will be so missed. Our wish is that he has a long and happy retirement.

We are looking forward to September with great optimism and positivity, in a range of ways. We trust the refurbishment of some of the areas in the school during the holiday will improve and enhance the learning environment for the pupils and young people. We trust the help, support and advice given by the IB will come to fruition and our newly appointed SLT will be supported as a driving force in taking the school forward. As with our school motto we will continue to be "Working together to Succeed".

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable break , hopefully the sun will continue to shine, and we look forward to welcoming you , your children and young people back with us in September.

With best wishes

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Chair of Governors