

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



Dear Parents/Carers

As the new term starts can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy New Year. The children have returned to school dressed smartly in their uniforms and looking eager to take advantage of the opportunities that will come their way this year. Can I thank you all for working alongside us to ensure a smooth start to the term.

The meaning and importance of prayer and reflection time in a church school has been a theme for this academic year. All our young people have been invited to produce an academy prayer that will be a key focus for our assembly and tutor time. I am very pleased to announce that the prayer written by Joshua Gutteridge in Year 7 was selected and unveiled during our whole school service on Friday 15.12.17.

Dear Lord

Be with us today

Fill our hearts with joy

Fill our school with love

Amen

Well done to Joshua for producing such a simple, clear and thought provoking message.

This term holds particular personal significance for me as I am writing to inform you of my decision, after 37 years in the teaching profession, to retire at the end of the current academic year. Tudor Grange Samworth Academy is now in a much stronger position than it was three years ago when I arrived, and I am now confident that the Academy is able to provide your children with the opportunities and education you and they deserve. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a wonderful group of staff both teaching and non-teaching who consistently demonstrate their commitment to the journey of continuous improvement and remain dedicated to supporting all our young people to achieve the success they are capable of.

The process of appointing my replacement will begin this term, with candidates shortlisted on 11th January 2018 and interviews to be held on 25th and 26th January 2018. There is still much to achieve before I leave, and I am keen to start working alongside my successor to continue the journey we are on and to ensure that the transition is seamless. Please feel reassured that I will remain focused on our key objective of providing a place for all to flourish for the remainder of this academic year.

It has been a huge honour to be the Principal of this Academy and there has been so much to be proud of in the school community. At the end of last term, for example, I attended a national education conference in Manchester, attended by many education professionals. The proceedings began in the best possible way – with a vocal performance by a pupil choir. Even better, the choir was made up of all the Academies within our Trust. Best of all, Tudor Grange Samworth Academy was represented by seven pupils from Year 6, who performed with confidence, enthusiasm and pride and received much praise from members of the audience. This event demonstrates clearly to me that the young people of this Academy are what makes it such a special place and makes me so proud to be its Principal.

Yours sincerely

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