



Tuesday 8th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school in 2019! Thank you all for your good wishes. I hope you too were all able to enjoy some rest and relaxation with family and friends during the Christmas holiday break.

Unfortunately the school term started with an unexpected but necessary closure due to the non-functioning fire detection service. Health and Safety regulations require evacuation from the site in such circumstances. Engineers worked throughout the day to uncover and resolve the issue and happily we are able to start back at school today as normal.

As with most schools, the sixth form begin their Mock Exam period today; an important time for students who have embarked on the new linear course of study. We wish them well!

On Friday this week we are celebrating Year 11 student Mock Results, issuing certificates and opening up the sixth form for a Taster Day including subject choice lessons. This is always a special day on the calendar.

As always the Year 9 Options process gets under way now and we are looking forward to meeting all families later on this year for our Options Evening and individual meetings to discuss most appropriate pathways.

I am delighted to say that five school teams have been selected as finalists in this year's Big Bang Competition at the NEC in Birmingham. The girls who participate learn a huge amount as they present their STEM projects to judges and over 20,000 visitors per day at the NEC Finals Fair.

More to follow on all these events in the monthly Newsletter.

We have a new Head of Mathematics, Ms Miriam Davis who joins us today from a school in Camden, together with a new Teacher of Photography, Ms Eileen Murray who joins us from a sixth form college in Islington. We are pleased to welcome them both to our staff body.

I look forward to seeing you all at events and meetings for families throughout this term and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Violet Walker
Headteacher