

# HOLBROOK ACADEMY

Acting Headteacher: Nicola Mayhew

Acting Deputy Head: Philip Hart



20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

On behalf of the Governing Body of Holbrook Academy, I am writing firstly to thank you all for your support this year and especially through the last five months.

These have been difficult times for us all. Thank you to our staff team for their perseverance and determination to continue to provide support for the children of key workers in school and to adapt teaching to provide as much education as possible to all our students, those at home and those in school.

Most of all we would like to express our utmost gratitude to Mrs Mayhew, as our Acting Headteacher.

Mrs Mayhew has led the school since Easter 2019 and the sudden tragic death of Dr Letman, and then through these unprecedented times of pandemic and lockdown. Last year she guided a bereaved school through its sadness and this year brought back energy and light to the school, epitomised by the wonderful 'Hairspray' musical in February. Then, suddenly, we were thrown into the confusion, fear and uncertainty facing Covid-19 and the urgent need to put the safety of our staff and students front and foremost. Throughout this time, she has shown such calm, consideration and insight, bringing together the school community through two uniquely unimaginable situations. Her service to this school has been amazing and we all owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Next year will mark a new beginning for Holbrook Academy as our new Headteacher, Mr Maltby, takes the helm with Mrs Mayhew as Deputy Head. These will still be very challenging times, and so much work is going on now within the school to adapt to government guidance to keep our staff and students as safe as possible in whatever form the 'new normal' will be in September. We would like to express our thanks to the Governors of Hollyfield School who have released Mr Maltby to work with Mrs Mayhew on the plans for next year so that our school will be in the best possible position to deliver safe, quality education to all students for the next academic year.

We do wish all our staff, students and families a safe and happy summer holiday, and to our Year 11s – denied their Prom and their leavers celebrations by lockdown - we really do wish you the very best of luck with your GCSE results and we will make sure you get the chance to celebrate properly as soon as the time is right.

With best wishes

Louise Cullen  
Chair of Governors

