



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of term, I thought it important to provide more updates about the school, in particular some staffing changes.

We are saying goodbye to Ms. N. Fewkes, who leaves at the end of the term. We wish her all the very best in her future pursuits.

In addition, Ms. K. Salvin leaves to take up a new post as an Assistant Principal. Again, we thank her for her work at The Ellis Guilford, and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Ms L. Hudson, currently Curriculum Leader for Music, will replace Ms. Salvin as Director of Performance, whilst we have appointed Ms. C. Birkin who will be teaching Drama from January 2022. Ms Birkin is an experienced teacher and we are delighted to have a teacher with a wealth of experience both as a teacher and a Drama examiner. Ms. Hudson joined our school only a year ago but comes from having led Performing Arts successfully in another secondary school.

We have been re organising some of our Heads of Year positions from January 2022. This is a key post in the school and has oversight of the pastoral welfare for our pupils across a year group. The new Heads of Year are as follows:

Y7: Mr J. Helan (already in post)

Y8: Ms H. Robinson

Y9: Mr G. Webb (already in post)

Y10: Ms. K. Renick

Y11: Ms K. Horner

We will of course be introducing any new Heads of Year to pupils in the new year. There is no change to the non- teaching Pastoral Support Staff who also work with each year group.

We welcome back Ms Renick from maternity leave, an experienced Head of Year, as well as welcoming Ms. Horner and Ms Robinson, both experienced teachers at The Ellis Guilford as new Heads of Year.

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As a reminder, we finish this week on Thursday December 16th at 12.40pm. During this day, pupils will have normal lesson period one, followed by a virtual performance of the school's Christmas Concert, featuring well over 100 pupils, including a choir comprising over 80 pupils in Y7 and Y8 as well as pupils from our feeder primary schools. This will be a fabulous event and one which we want to share with all pupils. Finally, during period three, pupils will celebrate their achievements and successes during time with their form tutor.

Year 7 will leave at 12.30pm

Year 8 and 9 will leave at 12.35pm

Year 10 and 11 will leave at 12.40pm.

Pupils eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a 'Grab and Go' meal deal from the school's dining hall as they leave

Tuesday 4th January is an INSET day, and all pupils return to school at 8.30am on Wednesday January 5th 2022.

Chris Keen