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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the end of year Scholars' newsletter.

I know many of you will be looking forward to the summer break and hopefully we will have fabulous weather in which to enjoy the holidays. I think you will agree with me that both children and staff need a rest from what has been an exhausting year.



There has been some fabulous learning since we returned back in March. The children and staff were very excited about leaving their homes and actually being in school. This enthusiasm has continued throughout this term despite the schools not being able to undertake some of the normal summer term activities. However, sports days have happened for all the children which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

Children have liked some of the Covid restrictions we have had in place. Children have particularly liked the lunchtime arrangement's where they can play with children from their own year group or class. We hope to carry on with some of this practice over the coming year as we have seen real benefits to the children's social interaction and friendships.

There will be some aspects of the current arrangements that schools will want to keep some whilst others will change. Individual schools will keep their parents informed about these as decisions are made.

### **Staffing Training**

Over the year staff have continued to have access to professional development opportunities. This was mostly on line but the importance of professional dialogue is always essential, even more so now. As always, our staff have risen to the challenge of learning in new ways to develop themselves as teachers. However, the most significant training staff have undertaken this year has been on the use of Microsoft Teams to deliver lessons. This learning that has been invaluable as our teachers were then able to deliver live lessons to your children.





## Staff Changes

Mr Mukadam is temporarily moving from Launde to Glenfield to be acting Deputy along with Mrs Thomson whilst Mrs Tibbles is on maternity leave. We are delighted that we are able to offer professional development opportunities to our teachers within Scholars Trust. I know that Mrs Thomson and Mr Mukadam will work very hard to give Glenfield children the best they deserve. I look forward to seeing their achievements over the coming year.

The summer is always that time of the year when staff move onto new pastures or are retiring. This year at Launde Mrs Chirodian and Mrs Maher are leaving. Mrs Chirodian is leaving to spend time with her young family

and Mrs Maher is joining another school as deputy head.

At Glenfield, Mrs Bennetts and Mrs Stoddart are joining other schools. Mrs Bhrama, Mrs Giles and Mr Brawn are also leaving. We would like to wish all our staff who are leaving Scholars the very best of luck in their new ventures

I would also like to thank Mrs Breeze, our trust business manager who is leaving to become the Chief Operations Manager at another trust.



## Working with Other Schools

Scholars staff have continued to work with other schools and during this last term the teachers have worked with the staff from The Hall in Glenfield on moderation activities. All schools found this beneficial supporting staff developing consistency in assessment. We look forward to more activities like this over the coming year.



## Governor News

Governors have had much to do over this last year and I would like to thank them for all their support and the work they have had to undertake this year. Governors have continued to monitor the schools though some of this had to be undertaken remotely, but nevertheless it has happened. They have worked with the headteachers to make sure the schools have been safe for the children and staff. As always, they have completed school work alongside their own personal work commitments.

Since the last newsletter there have been new

governors at Launde who I would like to welcome to being part Scholars Academy Trust. They are Mrs Kynaston-Pearson, Mrs Lopez-Correia and Mrs Katib. Mr Thomas has sadly had to resign due to his own work commitment increasing therefore making it difficult for him to commit the time to school. The Trust Board are very grateful for his contributions to the Launde governing body.



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## Goodbye to Year 6

We know we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, it has not been the year we would have planned for them as they leave primary school but schools have tried to make it special for them. The children in both schools have produced a film of the leavers concerts which have been wonderful to see. We have also had pizza celebrations outdoors for the year 6 children, a definite favourite amongst the children. The children will also be having their end of year books and special hoodies to mark their time within each school.

One thing I do know about our children is that they have worked hard and will go onto achieve great success in their lives. With their “can do” attitude and sense of pride in what they do, the world is their oyster. On behalf of both schools, governors and trustees I would like to wish the Year 6 the very best for their futures and I know they will make both us and you proud.



## Finally....

Let's all hope that 2021/22 is a calmer year and we can have a sense of normality for our children. In the meantime, it is time to thank everyone for the contributions they have made towards supporting our schools in what can only be described as an extraordinary year, I would like to say thank you to the parents who have had to persevere with constant changes, adapting their working arrangements when we sent children home to self-isolate but most of all for supporting the home learning. Your children would not be successful without your support and so your hard work and efforts have been much appreciated.



I am sure you as parents will join me in thanking teachers for all their hard work this year. In all my years in schools I have never seen teachers having to work so hard as they have had to do this year. At a moment's notice, they have had to prepare work for children to self-isolate, they have to train themselves up to teach online and give appropriate feedback. In school, teachers are monitored regularly, but online the teachers were being monitored all the time by yourselves as parents. Teachers deserve a huge amount of thank you for the extras they have had to take on to support teaching and learning through this year.

This just leaves me to wish everyone a restful holiday as I am sure there will be much for us to do in the coming year.



Best wishes

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