



9th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break. It has been a pleasure to welcome your daughters and sons back to school, and to hear of their experiences during the holidays.

In the weeks and months ahead there are parent-teacher evenings for many year groups, as well as other key events, such as the Pathways (Options) evening for year 9 parents and carers. Do please keep an eye on the website for dates, times, and further information.

At the end of the last term, we said farewell to Mr Bousfield who has decided to leave his post as assistant headteacher in order to continue his career in a different educational setting. Both myself and the Governors would like to thank him for the commitment given to St. Edward's school over the last four years, and wish him well for the future. This week we welcomed new colleagues, both to teaching and support roles; and the latest cohort of trainee teachers to the school. I wish them every success as they settle in.

In the term ahead we will be working hard to ensure that all of our students make great progress in their learning so that, with your support, we can prepare them for adult life. We do welcome constructive feedback about how we can improve as a school – do let us know if you have ideas or suggestions. We aim to do our very best for your children albeit with reduced finances, and I regret to say that the school funding situation may well require difficult decisions ahead. But I will keep you updated on this front as we move through the year.

The staff and I wish you a very happy New Year,

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher

