

7th June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

King Richard Academy & United Learning

We would like to thank parents, students, staff and governors for the warm welcome you have given everyone at United Learning since you joined us on 1st March. We are grateful for your assistance in ensuring that everything has gone smoothly and with the minimum of disruption despite it taking place midway through the academic year. As a result, we are now in a strong position to look forward with confidence to the school's future.

As you know, Mr Christian Down has begun as the academy's permanent Headteacher this week. We are very pleased to have appointed him after an extensive recruitment process and he will work alongside Mr Antell and Mr Adcock for the remainder of this term to ensure a seamless transition. Under his leadership, the changes to the school day, mobile phone and uniform policies that have been previously announced will be fully implemented, and other important initiatives will be introduced to help bring the school back up to the reputation and levels of performance that everyone wants and that your students deserve.

There is a great deal of progress underway already at the school and it is encouraging to hear from the local authority and our subject advisors that there is marked difference in the school environment when they now visit. We are putting in significant support to the school so that every year group has access to appropriate curriculum and assessment materials and that staff are able to receive the training and professional development that they require.

Whilst it is important that we retain the key characteristics that people already greatly value about the school, it is clear from the consultation that Mr Antell and Mr Adcock have carried out that there is support for the school to begin this next stage of its life with a new name. A number of names were put forward during the consultation process and we have decided that one of these is particularly fitting. It is therefore our intention to rename the school Castle View Academy from 1st September 2018.

To mark this change in name and to welcome the school formally into United Learning, we will be holding a special Foundation Day on Wednesday 4th July which many students and staff will be attending. Further details of the Day will be sent out nearer the time but it provides an opportunity to celebrate everything that is good about the school whilst looking ahead to its future.

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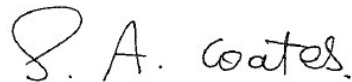
External exams are still taking place and we send our best wishes to everyone sitting these. Likewise, internal exams for each year group will begin soon and we look forward to the results of these reflecting the hard work that has taken place over the course of the academic year.

May we wish you all a very happy and successful second half of the summer term.

Best wishes



Jon Coles
Chief Executive



Dame Sally Coates
Director of Secondary Education